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**FINNIAN JOHNSON**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

Maryland-based 19-year-old musician Finnian Johnson is poised to take on the world after a stint on The Voice.

A regular performer around the Hunter, supporting acts like Kirsty Lee Akers, Finnian suffered a tragedy at just sixteen years old when his mum Michelle passed away suddenly.

Finnian credits the support of his sister Erin and her partner, who were then university students themselves, with getting him through that tragedy, helping him get through high school and off to uni, and finally with reigniting his love of music and performing.

He returned to gigging in 2021, and when he performed 'July' by Noah Cyrus on The Voice he attracted the attention of judges Rita Ora and Jessica Mauboy.

He joined Team Jess, and though he was limited to online tutorials via Zoom thanks to a bout with COVID while the show was being filmed, made quite an impression.

Although Finnian's time on The Voice came to an end on 15 May, Finnian calls it "the greatest adventure of his life so far". I can't wait to see where this incredible talent goes next.