

PETE MITCHELL TRIO

Bio and Song List

Pete Mitchell

Pete was born 27th January 1978 in Melbourne Australia. He began learning piano at the age of six, taking up saxophone and guitar when he was ten. During his school years Pete took every opportunity he could to be involved in music, playing in orchestras, concert bands, soul bands and jazz big bands. He also performed on guitar in heavy metal and hard rock bands. The highpoint of this period was soloing on centre stage in big band at the Melbourne Concert Hall on Caulfield Grammar School speech night.

Outside school Pete was actively involved with the "Melbourne Youth Music Council" attending music camps and performing with the "John Antill Youth Band" as part of the "Saturday Music School" program.

Pete completed a diploma in jazz performance in 1997 having passed VCE Musicraft on guitar in 1995. The diploma course mainly covered improvisation and featured work shops held by such jazz giants as Lee Konitz (worked with Miles Davis and one stage), Don Burrows and James Morrison to name a few. Whilst attending NMIT Pete co-formed "Take Four", a sax lead jazz / funk quartet which played over a hundred gigs in a year and was a huge success at the 1997 Merimbula Jazz Festival.

In late 2002 a CD of Pete's original funky and modern jazz compositions was released through Move Records. "Quirky" by the Pete Mitchell Quartet was well received and gained positive reviews (even one from New York USA) and airplay. (Recording the CD provided opportunity to work with NMIT music educators Jack Pantazis and Michael Rochford, and most importantly the great world class drummer David Jones.) One copy found it's way to Australian Jazz giant Don Burrows who had these very encouraging words to say. *"I love it and I think you are a beautiful player. They're great sounds you make on every horn. I love the sound of the Baritone. The compositions are interesting; everything about it is really good. I think you've got a hell of a future ahead of you. So congratulations! Well played mate!"*

"Flute Song" off the CD was nominated as a Musicoz top 5 finalist (jazz category) in 2003. (Musicoz is a competition open to any independent recording artist, musician or band throughout Australia.) As a result the tune was used in the soundtrack of issue 1 Digital Snowboard Magazine DVD. (10,000 copies sold throughout Australia and New Zealand.) The same tune was also nominated again as a jazz finalist for Musicoz 2004, as well as another composition "Running Rampant" in the instrumental category.

Recently Pete's various duos, trios and quartets have played at many corporate, private and public events around town. Some of which have included an appearance at the 2004 Caulfield Cup featuring a brief interview on Channel 9 News, a performance for UBS at the 2004 Melbourne Grand Prix, The Saints Foundation Dinner (St.Kilda Football club). Guests included Lindsay Fox and Molly Meldrum and a short performance by Marina Prior. The Grand Opening of the Lexus Centre. (Collingwood Football club training centre.) Hosted by Eddie McGuire with guests including Steve Bracks and past and present football players. A concert of Mitchell's original work at Bennetts Lane Jazz Club. (Pete also plays with various other bands on saxophone and guitar as required.)

Pete has played on a number of occasions with "Bomba". (Nicky Bomba's funky reggae outfit) The band just completed a short tour including performances to thousands of people at Coffs Harbour NSW, Woodford Folk Festival QLD and East Coast Blues and Roots Festival Byron Bay NSW and for three years Pete occupied the baritone sax chair in the house big band at Dizzy's Jazz Bar on Wednesday nights.

A major highlight of Pete's career so far was spending time and attending a private lesson with one of his all time jazz heroes, Branford Marsalis. More recently he was fortunate enough to jam and perform with members of the Cuban group "Buena Vista Social Club" on their most recent visit to Melbourne.

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Swing / Latin / Funky / Bossa / Jazz

Moon River
Fly Me To The Moon
Days Of Wine And Roses
More
Cry Me A River
You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To
Gone With The Wind
Love For Sale
My Heart Belongs To Daddy
Blue Moon
Charade
S'Wonderful
Can't Stop Loving That Man
Desafinado
Black Coffee
Sway
Fever
Alright, Okay You Win
Let's Fall In Love
On The Sunny Side Of The Street
Way You Look Tonight
Them There Eyes
They Can't Take That Away From Me
Kiss
Quondo, Quondo, Quondo
Foggy Day
Old Devil Moon
Nice Work If You Can Get It
I Get A Kick Out Of You
Can't Take That Away From Me
I've Got You Under My Skin
All Or Nothing At All
Witchcraft
New York, New York
Stranger In The Night
That's Life
Something Stupid
Wave
Night And Day

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Mainstream

I'm A Believer	The Monkees
I Heard It Through The Grapevine	Marvin Gaye, Creedence
Feeling Alright	Joe Cocker
Ring Of Fire	Johnny Cash
(Your Love Is Lifting Me) Higher and Higher	Jimmy Barnes, Rita Coolidge
Baby You Can Drive My Car	The Beatles
Kiss	Tom Jones, Prince
Walking The Dog	The Rolling Stones
I Say Yeh Yeh	Georgie Fame
You Never Can Tell	Chuck Berry
Come Together	The Beatles
Miss You	The Rolling Stones
I Feel Good	James Brown
Love Is In The Air	John Paul Young
I'll Be Your Baby Tonight	Robert Palmer, Bob Dylan
Sway	Dean Martin
Quando, Quando, Quando	
Jean Genie	David Bowie
Keep On Running	Spencer Davis Group
Jailhouse Rock	Elvis Presley
What's New Pussycat?	Tom Jones
Early In The Morning	Louis Jordan
After Midnight	Eric Clapton, J.J. Cale
Take Me To The River	The Commitments, Talking Heads
It's All Over Now	The Rolling Stones, Ry Cooder