

Dixon Nacey - Short C.V.

40 Years of Age (b.1975)
Cook Island and Pakeha descent
Auckland based

Experience:

- Popular music performance (20 years covers, jazz, rock, pop, hip-hop and original music experience)
- Music Teaching (17 years tertiary throughout N.Z.)
- Leading and directing musical ensembles, live, TV, rehearsal (Uni, live)
- Arranging music for large and small musical ensembles (Stage, TV)
- Managing artists and artist liaison, touring bands (Festivals, Stage)
- Musical connections throughout N.Z. in jazz, originals, covers and teaching communities - particularly strong in Auckland and Christchurch
- T.V. & music collaborations (20 year period)
- Musical composition (Jazz and pop)
- Strong online profile with YouTube (1,000,000+ views), a successful tutorial website and a high quality band agency.
- Organise / logistics for several artist workshops and clinics (over 10 years)

Background:

Cook Island Mother (Taokia Moe Turua), Pakeha Father (Warren James William Nacey). Born 1975, Auckland. Lived mostly in Auckland, spent a year or so in Wellington in 1993-1994. Started playing guitar at 14 (Blues and pop), music teacher Paul Norman (Avondale College) lead him to study, practice and perform jazz from the age of 16. Left secondary school in 1992 after attaining A Bursary but began working covers circuit (continues today).

Current projects:

- Dixon is working on re-recording a funk / jazz / pop album he wrote and demoed (2004 - 2006) with fellow Cook Islander and great vocalist Iri Aumatangi.
- He is arranging music for NZ's largest free-to-attend stage show 'Coca-cola Christmas In The Park' which he will direct artistically + musically.
- Dixon manages a boutique musical agency of around 20 acts for corporate and festival work. www.bandsbydesign.com
- He is also designing and recording tutorial videos for his popular website focused on teaching mid to advanced level jazz guitarists. (www.jazzguitarlegend.com).
- Dixon has completed a Graduate Diploma in Music at Auckland University, with an aim to complete a Post-Grad. Diploma in Music by 2018.
- Currently, Dixon teaches jazz at Auckland University, having previously taught at Massey University (Albany Campus), Christchurch University (CPIT) and Excel SOPA (West Auckland).
- Dixon also performs and composes music for a large range of bands, from jazz to pop to original music (Sola Rosa d-Dub, I.D., Samsom Nacey Haines Trio)

- He composes music for and has recorded three jazz trio albums with The Samsom Nacey Haines Trio group, the first of which entitled 'Open to suggestions' made the finals of the 2009 Tui Jazz Album of The Year Awards.

Notable Artists Performed with:

Michel Benebig, Shem, (New Caledonia), Andrew Dickeson (Aus), James Muller (Aus), Larry Ransome (U.S.), Denise Perrier (U.S.), David Friesen (U.S.), Matt Penman (U.S.), Ria Hall, Julia Deans, Ladi 6, Tama Waipara, Rob Ruha, Troy Kingi, Maisey Rika, Annie Crummer, Nathan Haines, Kevin Field, King Kapisi, Jordan Luck, Graham Brazier, Joel and Kevin Haines, Blue Train, Chris Mason Battley group, Grand Central Band, Miguel Fuentes, Feijoa Jam, Caitlin Smith, Chris Melville, Tim Hopkins, Max Stowers, Rebekah Peterson, Kick, The Mermaids, Black Salt and The Kingpins cover bands, Jennifer Zea, Sir Howard Morrison, Tina Cross, Suzy Lynch, Jackie Clarke.

Recorded Work:

Tama Waipara Album (2011 late / early 2012 release)
 Tim Hopkins MMA Project (2011)
 Caitlin Smith's 2nd Album (2011 TBR)
 Samsom Nacey Haines - 'Oxide' (2011)
 Oli Holland - Duets (2011)
 Gerry Rooderkerk 'Little Miss Sunshine' (2010)
 Guest feature with the Standard Funk ensemble on 'Happen-stance' (2010)
 Anonymouz - 'Anticipatin' (2009)
 Tama Waipara - 'Sir plus and the requirements' (2009)
 The Samsom Nacey Haines Trio - 'Open To Suggestions' (2008)
 Nathan Haines - 'Right Now' (2008)
 Tim Hopkins - 'Hear now after' (2008)
 The Alan Brown Trio - 'About That time' (2007)
 Russell Harrison (single 'Why you Wanna"- 2004)
 The Grand Central Band - 'Brightest Star' (2004)
 King Kapisi - 'Second testament' (2003)
 The Grand Central Band - 'Cook Street Sessions' (2001)
 Blue Train - 'Fun in the world' EP (2001)
 Max Stowers - 'Malaga' (2001)

Notable Festival / Profile Performances include:

- 2015, David Friesen (U.S.A.) N.Z. tour. (October)
- 2015 MD, Lady Sings the Blues (2 sell out shows, Spiegel tent / Town Hall)
- 2015 6 x various TV appearances (Kevin Field Group, Tama Waipara, Misc.)
- 2014 NZ Film and TV awards - MD and guitar

- 2014, MD and 3 TV appearances, 'Happy Hour' TV show (July)
- 2014, January - Music in Parks - Mark Baynes Group
- 2014, Andy Irvine (U.S.A.) clinic
- 2013, April - Tauranga Jazz Festival - two appearances with Clo Chaperon Band, and the Kevin Field Group
- 2013, April - Music In Parks (Albert Park), Field of Vision Band
- 'Good morning Show' - TVNZ. The Motown Special Band (Dec 2012)
- 'Good Morning' Show - TVNZ. Kevin Field Group (Album Release) 2012
- 2012 Music in Parks - Caitlin Smith Group - Auckland Domain
- 2012 Tauranga Jazz Festival - Tim Hopkins trio '7' - The Jazz Tui Awards.
- Music In Parks 2012 (Auckland Domain) - The Greg Tell Quintet (2-five-9)
- Music In Parks 2012 (Waiuku) - The Roger Manins Quartet
- M Jay Collective - The Sale St sessions (Live) and Red Bull Session (recorded) - (2011)
- Denise Perrier (USA) Jazz at Du Mont (New Caledonia) May 2011
- Grand Central Band - Waiheke Jazz Festival Easter 2011
- Alan Brown Trio - Waiheke Jazz Festival Easter 2011
- Samsom Nacey Haines @ The Auckland Seafood Festival Jan 2011
- Festival of Lights, New Plymouth - Tama Waipara Band Jan 2011
- The 2010 Gypsy Jazz Festival - Noumea (Nov 2010)
- The Auckland Jazz Festival - Olivier Holland group and Kevin Field groups (Nov 2010)
- Opening of the Aotea centre - SNH trio Oct 2010
- Qantas Film and TV Awards night 2010
- Russell Harrison and Motive - Motown in the park (Auckland Summer Sounds Series 2010)
- Pasifika 2010 - Tama Waipara band
- Pat Metheny Tribute band (Auckland Domain Jazz Summer Series 2010)
- The Shangri La Bangkok NYE bash 2010
- 'Jazz on Top' Concert in New Caledonia - October 2009
- The King Kاپisi National (NZ) tour and Planet Indigenous Festival in Toronto, Canada (2009)
- The Talofa Benefit concert at Telstra Clear Stadium as the house band (supporting Chris Melville, Annie Crummer & Tama Waipara amongst others) (2009)