

DAVID CARNEGIE

Biography



David Carnegie was born and raised in Barbados, the third child of Jamaican parents. He started playing piano at 7 years of age, drums at 14 and by the age of 24, had won National music awards and performed for the Prime Minister, the Governor General and visiting heads of state on a number of occasions.

As a drummer David has performed at various shows and venues in the Caribbean, the U.S. and U.K., playing everything from calypso, reggae and Afro-Cuban music to jazz, R&B/soul, pop and rock. These include the Barbados Pan and Jazz Festivals, the Florida Music Festival, the Manchester, Oxford and Gateshead International Jazz Festivals and BBC Radio 4 show Loose Ends. He has performed with Sir Cliff Richard, Andy Narell, Alan Barnes, Dave Cliff, Melanie Marshall, Sharks Took The Rest and Kite and recorded with Sharks Took The Rest, Extreme Measures, the Claude Werner Quartet, the Mark Williams Trio and The Original Unit to name a few. In 2008, as the founder and bandleader of Extreme Measures, he was nominated for the U.K.'s Jazz Services Promoter's Choice Awards.

Currently residing in the U.K., David continues to provide colour, spontaneity and drive to his music. His professionalism and versatility reflect the instruction he received from James Lovell, Phil Haynes, André Daniel, Sergio "El Gato" Gallardo and Al Harewood.

"The Lord has shown me so much love throughout my life, not least with the gift of music; I want to sound like someone who is truly grateful for that gift."

While living in the U.K., David taught music at The Sage Gateshead and currently teaches an ensemble class at the Barbados Community College.

David holds an Associate Degree in Music with Distinction from the Barbados Community College, and a BMus (First Class Honours) from Sunderland University (Newcastle College).