

DAVID CARNEGIE

Biography



David Carnegie was born in 1979 to Jamaican parents on the island of Barbados. Originally taught on piano, David started playing drums at secondary school in Barbados but only decided to consider a career in music when he took his first lesson with jazz great Al Harewood.

In 2002 he received an associate degree in music with distinction from the Barbados Community College (BCC) and has since performed at the Barbados Jazz Festival with various groups including the BCC Jazz Combo, Quarternote (which he co-founded) and Janelle Headley in 2005. He has also performed with vocalist Melanie Marshall, saxophonist Arturo Tappin (Roberta Flack, Luther Vandross) and pianist Andy Narell.

David has performed at various shows and venues in the Caribbean, the U.S. and U.K., playing everything from calypso, reggae and Cuban music to jazz, R&B/soul and rock. These include the Barbados Pan Festival in 2004 and 2005, the Florida Music Festival 2005 with Kite (whose music was featured on the TV series "The Ghost Whisperer"), the Gateshead International Jazz Festival 2006 (leading his contemporary jazz group, Extreme Measures) and 2007 with James Birkett. Later that year, Extreme Measures released their debut album, eXm, comprised solely of original music.

David's professionalism and versatility reflects the instruction he received from Al Harewood, Phil Haynes, Sergio "El Gato" Gallardo and James Lovell. Whether it be composing, arranging or performing, he continually seeks to be a better musician. A pursuit which he considers to be fundamental to his faith.

"The Lord has shown me so much love throughout my life, not least with the gift of music and my playing is forever dedicated to God."