Rory Clark

Biography

Rory Clark began playing piano when he was eleven years old. Initially, Rory studied jazz piano under the guidance of Steve Sedergreen and Mira Jacopanez. He has also studied with musical heavyweights such as Mark Fitzgibbon, Kevin Hunt (Don Burrows' pianist) and recently, in New York City with McCoy Tyner.

Rory Clark began his professional career as a musician at age fourteen when he began to do duo gigs with his alto saxophonist father, Roger. Since then he has developed his own unique sound as a musician, performing in a range of bands as well as solo gigs at various hotels, pubs and clubs around Melbourne. Rory has been invited on several occasions to appear at high profile festivals such as the Queenscliff Music Festival, Adelaide Jazz Festival, Paynesville Jazz Festival and The Palmer Street Festival in Queensland. Rory has also performed internationally (Hong Kong and Taipei in January of 1997).

He performs regularly at Dizzy 's Jazz Club in Richmond as well as appearing sporadically at many other venues around the City. Rory performs in various ensembles, playing a range of styles: jazz, Latin, funk, reggae, blues and lounge music. The various bands range in size from duos and trios to eighteen-piece jazz ensembles (Dizzy's Big Band). Rory Clark also regularly backs singers in a range of situations.

Having gained a vast amount of experience over many years in a multitude of situations, Rory is capable of highly energetic performance spontaneity as well as very controlled subdued playing. He has developed a reputation as a pianist for his use of rich harmonic chord structures, melodic ideas and strong timing.

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Extra Information

Repertoire Slow Songs (Ballads) Angel Eyes
April In Paris
Autumn In New York
Blue In Green
But Beautiful
Body and Soul
Con Alma
Darn That Dream
Embraceable You
Good Morning Heartache
Here's That Rainy Day
In A Sentimental Mood
Invitation
I Remember Clifford
Loverman
Lush Life
Maiden Voyage
Misty
Mood Indigo
My Foolish Heart
My Funny Valentine
My One And Only Love
Naima
A Nightingale Sang In Berkley Square
Polkadots And Moonbeams
Prelude To A Kiss
'Round Midnight
Ruby My Dear
Save Your Love For Me
Skylark
So Many Stars
Some Other Time
Sophisticated Lady
Soul Eyes
Spring Can Really Hang You Up The Most
Spring Is Here
Stardust
Summertime
Smoke gets In Your Eyes
Tenderly
The Masquerade Is Over
Theme For Ernie
The Way You Look Tonight
Turn Out The Stars
What Are You Doing The Rest Of Your Life

What's New
We'll be Together Again
When I Fall In Love
When Sunny Gets Blue
Where Are You
Yesterday
You Go To My Head

Medium A Foggy Day
Ain't Misbehavin
All Of Me
All Of You
All the Things You Are
Alone Together
April in Paris
Autumn Leaves
Beautiful Love
Blue Monk
But Not For Me
Bye Bye Blackbird
Cheek to Cheek
Cottontail
Daahoud
Days Of Wine & Roses
Don't Get Around Much Anymore
Dolphin Dance
Easy To Love
Feel Like Makin' Love
Four
Freddie The Freeloader (Blues)
Gee Baby Ain't I Good To You
God Bless The Child
Gone With The Wind
Green Dolphin Street
Groovin' High
Hallucinations
Hello Young Lovers
Have You Met Miss Jones
Honeysuckle Rose
I Could Write A Book
I Only Have Eyes For You
I Love You
I Mean You
In Your Own Sweet Way
I Should Care
I Thought About You
I've Got You Under My Skin
It Had To Be You
In The Mood
In Walked Bud
Jersey Bounce
Jordu
Joy Spring

Just Friends
Jeepers Creepers
Killer Joe
Lady Bird
Lazybird
Like Someone In Love
Long Ago And Far Away
Lullaby Of Birdland
Mack The Knife
Michelle (ala The Beatles)
Moonglow
My Romance
Nardis
Our Love Is Here To Stay
Out Of Nowhere
Pfrancing (Blues)
Satin Doll
Somewhere Over the Rainbow
Solo Voyager (Original)
Solar
Speak No Evil
Stella By Starlight
Stolen Moments
Sunny Side of The Street
Take The A Train
The Song Is You
There Is No Greater Love
There Will Never Be Another You
They Can't Take That Away From Me
Tones For Joan's Bones
Tune Up
Upper Manhattan Medical Group
Voyage
Well You Needn't
What Am I Here For
What Is This Thing Called Love
Whisper Not
Without A Song
Woody'N You
Yesterdays
You Are The Sunshine Of My Life
You Don't Know What Love Is

Latin (Bossa Nova) A Night In Tunisia
Black Orpheus
Bluesette
Blue Bossa
Ceora
Christmas Samba (Original)
Corcovado (Quiet Nights)
Desinfinado
Dindi
Girl From Ipanema

How Insensitive
O Grande Amour
Meditation
Nica's Dream
Night & Day (also as swing)
One Note Samba
Song For My Father
Sonora
Summer Samba
The Court
The Shadow of Your Smile
Triste
Wave

Waltzes A Child Is Born
Alice In Wonderland
All Blues
Bluesette
I'm All Smiles
My Favourite Things
Some Day My Prince Will Come
Stella By Starlight (6/4)
Take Five (5/4)
Very Early
Waltz For Debby
Willow Weep For Me