

ROGER MANINS BIOGRAPHY

" Saxophonist Roger Manins is becoming increasingly recognised as an outstandingly gifted musician." **Mike Nock**

Roger Manins, born in 1970 in Waiuku, New Zealand has been branded one of the most exciting and explosive saxophonists in Australasia. His warm passionate sound and his remarkable instrumental ability is in demand throughout Australia and New Zealand, and has been recorded on over 15 jazz albums with many of the leading lights of NZ and Australian jazz.

Originally studying at the Conservatorium of Music, Sydney, he built a solid reputation both in New Zealand and Australia for several years before leaving for New York in 1996.

The 2¹/₂ years Roger spent in New York (1996-1999) had a profound influence on his playing. He gained a deep understanding of the jazz tradition through his interactions with major players on the scene, and through a stream of constant playing - on the street, sessions, jams and gigs. Working with New York rhythm sections, he developed as a strong and powerful player with an individual sound and style, playing latin, swing, free funk, Brazilian and blues with a wide variety of groups. He also studied privately with two main masters: George Garzone (advanced harmony) and Doug Lawrence (swing tenor).

In 1998 Roger spent 2 months in Havana playing with the Cuban Churanga band Orchestra Sublime before returning to Australia. In 2002 he won The Wangaratta Australian National Jazz Awards and was also a finalist in the Australian Freedman Fellowship Jazz Awards.

Roger's television appearances included the ABC *Pulse* series, both with the Mike Nock Big Small Band (BSB) and the Aron Ottignon Quartet which was recorded live in 2002 and broadcast again in 2003.

Based in NZ since 2004, Roger continues to tour extensively. Recent tours include 2007 New Caledonia with Michel Benebig, Australian tour and recording with the Mothership Jazz Orchestra and Florian Ross, Wangaratta Jazz Festival, Auckland Jazz Fest with Florian Ross, The Mike Nock Quintet and Big Small Band (BSB), James Morrison, James Muller, Vaughn Roberts, Bernie McGann Quartet, Carolina Moon Jazz Group, The Paul Dyne Group, Bruce Brown Quartet.

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