

From a musical family Pieter started learning piano at age 7 and has not stopped since! Studying the classical syllabus of the Trinity College, he attained Grade 7 before moving to Jazz studies at age 17. He graduated with a B.Mus. (Jazz Piano) in 1999, & also the Dip. of Secondary Teaching in 2000. In 2000 he was awarded a scholarship to study Jazz teaching & performance techniques in London, UK; - with the Associated Board of Royal Schools. Here he attained the ABRSM Dip. of Jazz Teaching. Pieter is currently a member of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers & a registered member with the NZ teachers council. He further holds a B.Sc (Psychology, Physiology) - achieved prior to his formal music studies.

Since 1998 Pieter has worked extensively as pianist and keyboardist in both bigbands/large ensembles - as well as leading his own trios/quartets. This, along with his strong technique and knowledge of theory and improvisation; - has enabled him to develop a unique creative performance style. Pieter's versatility and skill enables him to therefore teach all styles of popular contemporary music: Popular, Rock n Roll to Jazz, or Blues/Funk, to Easy Listening and also Classical.

International experience includes long residencies with Hyatt, Sheraton and Shilla Hotels in Korea, Argentina, Japan and as well extensive cruise ship employment. More recently Pieter has developed his Piano/Vocal act. (From Sinatra Jazz Standards and Golden Oldies to present day artists like Elton John, Billy Joel, Sting, Maroon 5, U2, Jason Mraz to name a few!). As solo vocalist/performer, Pieter undertook numerous contracts in South Korea (2011 - 2014).

In 2015 Pieter performed & entertained on 6 Star Line: Seven Seas World Cruises

From 1996 to 2003 Pieter built a strong reputation as a successful teacher in the Wellington region. Teaching at over 16 schools during this time; - Pieter taught both Piano & Keyboard; and as well; specialist Jazz Education; - to individuals & groups of all ages & abilities - beginner to advanced. Pieter is equally skilled and passionate at teaching beginners keyboards as he is for his specialty of Jazz Piano, & advanced theory, improvisation & combos

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Some Wellington Schools Pieter Taught At:

Technics beginner Keyboard Academy, Raroa Saturday morning beginners Music School, Hutt Intermediate Keyboard, Wellesley Primary Collegiate, Scots, Onslow, Naenae, Bishop Viard, Porirua, & Sacred Heart, & Rongotai Colleges. Pieter also taught at the National High Schools Jazz Workshop in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2008, 2011. He further prepared many private students for successful entrance to the Massey University Jazz Programme.

Pieter is excited to be reconnected with the Wellington music community, after performing extensively abroad. He is eager to resume his teaching practice, & perform locally & in New Zealand - sharing & promoting his passion, knowledge, & skills in Music, Piano, Keyboard & Jazz.