



Tunji Beier - biography

Tunji Beier performs improvisations and compositions drawing on various traditions that have influenced him, especially Macedonian and South Indian traditions.

Tunji grew up in New Guinea, Nigeria and Germany and now lives in Australia. At the age of 10 he began to study African Yoruba drumming. At 16 he went to Bangalore to study Karnatic (South Indian) percussion for three years.

began to study Nigerian (Yoruba) drums at the age of ten, later he went to India to study South Indian (Karnatic) percussion with T.A.S. Mani At the age of 19 Tunji formed several cross cultural groups, including Okuta Percussion, Ganpati and Bassama.

For several years he has been artistic director of the Bayreuth music festival "Grenzüberschreitungen" (Border Crossings). When he returned to Australia from Macedonia, he founded the Center for Multicultural Music in Perth, later formed multi-cultural groups in New South Wales and Queensland.

Performed in Nigeria with leading Yoruba Percussionists including Muraina Oyelami, Ademola Onibonokuta & the Ayandosun family of drummers for installations of Kings, Masquerades & Acrobats, funerals, festivals & many social events.

Concerts throughout South India with Karnataka College Of Percussion & famous singers R.A.Ramamani, Raghavendra, Ashok & many other singers and instrumentalists. European Tours with Karnataka College of Percussion & cellist Anup Kumar Biswas. Live jam with Zakir Hussain in Budapest.

Wide experience of fusion with African, Indian, Spanish, Indonesian, Norwegian, Macedonian & Classical European music and worked with:

Markus Stockhausen, Ronald Snijders, Mohamed El Toukhi, Ross Daly, Jaume Bosser, Wafir Sheik El Din, Greg Sheehan, Djamchid Chemirani, Agus Super, Terje Isungset, Satsuki Odamura, Volker Jaekel, Mathew Doyle, Thomas Stronen, Stepanida Borisova (Hulu Project), Linsey Pollak, Mathias Loibner, Hossam Ramsy Spanish & Indian group Amalgama, Keyvan Chemirani, Bijan Chemirani and many others.

Collaboration with leading jazz musicians:

Bill Cobham, Iain Ballamy, Oren Marshal, Ashley Slater, Trilok Gurtu, Randy Weston, Charlie Mariano, Burton Greene, Chris Hinze, Dave King.

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