

{loadposition bioslide} **Where and when were you born?**

Worcester, November 1978.

When did you start to play?

6 years old. On a honky-tonk piano in my parents utility room, I can remember the smell of washing powder. Played the theme from the Incredible Hulk about 1000 times on it and boogie-woogie as fast as possible with the least musicality possible.

Tell us about some of your previous projects.

Played keyboards on 2 previous Aussie Floyd US/Canadian tours. Have also recently performed in a Beatles theatre show. I was in Liverpool band Edgar Jones and The Joneses, touring Japan twice and performing on Mark Lamarr and Jonathan Ross BBC Radio 2 shows. Have done various live and recording session work over the years, performed on Later with Jools Holland with Candie Payne, we played after Joanna Newsom who played solo harp and before Nick Cave who just shouted down the mic with a load of white noise.

I have also worked as a jazz pianist on the North West UK scene, playing in various groups and now have my own group, The Bobby Swing Trio in which I sing (or croon...) and play piano.

Was a chorister as a boy - was lucky to tour Europe, US/Canada and South Africa between 9-13. Wasn't that angelic though...

Who are your influences?

All music! So you learn from the good and know what to avoid...

If you had to take one album to your desert island, what would it be and why?

Can I take my own compilation tape please? No? In that case, Miles Davis 'Kind Of Blue' - absolute perfection. Wonderful tunes, beautiful sound, such great players, there's enough in it to last a lifetime...If it had to be a single track on a desert island then 'The Great Gig in the Sky'. Spine-tingling every time.

What gear do you tour with?

Nord Stage 88, Yamaha ANiX (for all the minimoog stuff!), Alesis QSR, Leslie 145 speaker.

One obscure interesting fact about yourself.

I once performed piano in front of an audience where in the front row, sitting next to each other were Sir Paul McCartney, Yoko Ono, Sir George Martin, Olivia Harrison and Sir Peter Blake. I didn't know they were there and when I saw them all I nearly fell off the keyboard stool and my hands were shaking. Took a week to recover...

