



GOLDSMITH & BAYNES

*Featuring the original music of
Allana Goldsmith & Mark Baynes*

Original waiata in te reo Māori & English · Jazz from Aotearoa

ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT · 2026

THE PROJECT

Two Musical Souls

Goldsmith Baynes is a celebration between two musical souls. Allana and Mark have performed together for over ten years; their bond comes from freedom, shared trust, and mutual respect. Their debut album *E Rere Rā* — funded by Creative New Zealand — marries jazz with te reo Māori, lore, and lived experience.

The duo has performed at the Aotearoa Music Awards, the Melbourne and Perth International Jazz Festivals, the International Indigenous Music Summit in Toronto, and the Auckland Arts Festival. Their work has been broadcast on BBC Radio, Jazz FM (UK), CBC Saturday Night Jazz (Canada), and Radio New Zealand.



Allana Goldsmith

VOCALIST · COMPOSER · TE REO MĀORI ARTIST

Māori contemporary jazz artist from the Tairāwhiti region, East Coast of Aotearoa/NZ. Iwi: Ngāti Porou and Ngāi Tai.

Allana comes from a solid tradition of jazz singing with a love of the great standards. She has a unique approach to her original music, often written in te reo Māori, naturally weaving together both traditions while maintaining and claiming the integrity and authenticity of each.

Featured at major festivals across Aotearoa, including a sold-out tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan at Tauranga National Jazz Festival. Released an EP of five original waiata in te reo Māori from 2015–18 — three funded by Te Māngai Pāho.

Dr Mark Baynes

PIANIST · COMPOSER · ARRANGER

British jazz pianist with a contemporary leaning. Performed alongside giants of the genre including Eric Marienthal (Chick Corea) and Mireya Ramos (Latin GRAMMY winner), the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, and Broadway casts.

Guest arranger for the AMA-winning Royal New Zealand Ballet's *Hansel and Gretel* (Claire Cowan), recorded with the NZSO in 2020. Collaborator with King Kapisi, Che-Fu, Tony Christie, Anika Moa, Don McGlashan and Bella Kalolo.

Past chapters: musical director in the Middle East (18 months); MD/pianist for ProShip Canada (2 years); solo project under the moniker Ironic Trio.

MUSIC

Discography



FEATURED ALBUM

E Rere Rā

Our debut full-length, funded by Creative New Zealand. Soulful, sensual songs reflecting ancestral folk wisdom and grooving jazz sensibilities — broadcast on BBC Radio, Robby Vincent's Jazz FM (UK) show, Laila Biali's Saturday Night Jazz on CBC Canada, and Radio New Zealand.

Singles: Tīpuna · Tō Ihu · Te Aranga o Matariki · Hei Kawe i a Au

Streaming: Spotify, Apple Music, Bandcamp, all major platforms

PRESS

Reviews & Airwaves

“Soulful, sensual and beautiful songs reflecting ancestral folk wisdom and grooving jazz sensibilities.”

LAILA BIALI · CBC CANADA · SATURDAY NIGHT JAZZ

“This poetic and captivating debut album appears to exemplify the currently vibrant jazz scene in New Zealand. This unusual and beautiful sound deserves to be heard widely.”

FIONA MACTAGGART · UK JAZZ NEWS · OCTOBER 2022

“It's refreshing to find jazz music amalgamated with traditional Māori components. The combination of strong vocals, excellent piano playing and overall musicianship makes for a must-listen.”

RENÉE THERÉSE STRAWBRIDGE · NZ MUSICIAN

“The release of E Rere Rā by duo Allana Goldsmith (Ngāti Porou, Ngāi Tai) and Mark Baynes is just the third straight-ahead jazz album to make extensive use of te reo.”

NICK TIPPING · RNZ CONCERT · INSIDE OUT

“A delicious new album.”

JAZZ LONDON LIVE

BROADCAST & FEATURES

BBC Radio (UK) · Jazz FM Robby Vincent (UK) · CBC Saturday Night Jazz (Canada) · RNZ Concert Inside Out with Nick Tipping · Te Karere TVNZ · Reviewsphere · NZ Herald · Kahu

LIVE

Festivals & Performances

- ◆ Aotearoa Music Awards · 2021
- ◆ Student Radio Network Awards · 2022 · Finalist · Te Tohu Puoro o te reo Māori
- ◆ International Indigenous Music Summit · Toronto · June 2025
- ◆ Melbourne International Jazz Festival · 2025
- ◆ Perth International Jazz Festival · 2025
- ◆ Auckland Arts Festival · 2025
- ◆ Wellington Jazz Festival · 2022
- ◆ Tauranga International Jazz Festival · 2023
- ◆ Waiheke Jazz Festival
- ◆ Taste of Pasifika Festival
- ◆ Matariki Festivals · Tāmaki Makaurau

RECENT CHAPTERS

2025 Highlights

International Indigenous Music Summit · Toronto, June 2025

Goldsmith Baynes performed at the International Indigenous Music Summit in Toronto, Canada — a global gathering of Indigenous artists, industry, and cultural leaders. A milestone for the project, taking the kaupapa of original te reo Māori waiata to an international Indigenous audience.

Australian Tour · October 2025

Goldsmith Baynes toured Australia in October 2025 with performances at the Melbourne International Jazz Festival (The Jazzlab) and the Perth International Jazz Festival, plus dates in Adelaide. Joined by Nick Taylor, Kyrie Anderson, Egapmada, Nick Abbey, and Bronton Ainsworth across the run.



BOOKING

Contact & Management

For festival bookings, private events, press, and management — across New Zealand and internationally.

LABEL

Damian Jones

Director, Meow Records

damian@meow.nz

9 Edward Street
Te Aro, Wellington 6011

PUBLICITY

Kit Atkinson

Publicist · Meow Records

kit@kitatkinson.com

DIRECT

Mark Baynes

Bookings & Management

mark@jazzpiano.co.nz

+64 21 136 9390

ONLINE

Website: www.jazzpiano.co.nz/goldsmithbaynes

Spotify: open.spotify.com/search/Goldsmith%20Baynes

Bandcamp: goldsmithbaynes.bandcamp.com

Facebook: facebook.com/goldsmithbaynes

Instagram: [@goldsmithbaynes](https://instagram.com/goldsmithbaynes)

Allana Goldsmith & Mark Baynes · Tāmaki Makaurau / Aotearoa · EPK 2026