



# GOLDSMITH & BAYNES

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

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

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## 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. Iwi: Ngāti Porou and Ngāi Tai ki Torere.

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.

Allana's songwriting moves freely between folk, country, soul and jazz — a warm contralto voice channelling the great jazz vocalists of the past, with the joy and presence audiences rarely encounter on stage today.

## 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 Mōa, 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
- ◆ 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

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## 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 Brnton Ainsworth across the run.



**BOOKING**

# Contact & Management

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