



Jimmy Dale, Musician, Vocalist, and Composer, credits his musical success to his upbringing in the Monterey Peninsula!

It is said that Jimmy plays the tunes you like to hear in his own unique style. What he learned from some local musicians, has served him well. Besides performing other people’s songs, Jimmy has enjoyed a wealth of composing many jazz tunes and has just released two new Singles: “Agi’s Tune”, in honor of his deceased wife, and “Dear, Mr. Benson” paying homage to the famed guitarist, George Benson. These are not Jimmy’s first CDs, but are considered the most emotional and creative of his original tunes thus far. Of his success, Jimmy says: **“I was mentored by the best, right here in Monterey.”**

From Los Angeles to Honolulu, from Frankfurt, Germany to Sardinia, Italy, Jimmy Dale performs nationally and internationally as a solo performer, duo, or with his Jimmy Dale Band, or his Reggae sounds of IRIE. A few of the A-list musical groups Jimmy has played with include: The Drifters, Platters, The Diamonds, The Coasters, Little Anthony and the Imperials, and the fabulous Penguins, Joe Higgs (known as the godfather of reggae), also has opened shows for: Ziggy Marley, Bob Marley’s “Wailers”, Toots and the Maytals, Jimmy Cliff, Third World, and is heard playing guitar on Big Mountain’s CD “Unity” on the hit tune “Baby I Love Your Way” which sold millions. One of Jimmy’s most popular compositions, “Rub A Dub” is included in the score of the motion picture, “Sunset Heat” starring Dennis Hopper. Other songs from his IRIE CD, “FREEDOM OF CHOICE,” can be heard on Nickelodeon’s cable network.

Jimmy was born in Pottsville, PA in 1952, but since his Father was in the Army the family had to pack up and move to Berlin, Germany in 1953. His Father, Jim while in the service, moved the family consisting of Jimmy, his mother Marie and two younger brothers, Jay and Tommy around the globe and back several times until the war ended. It was in Frankfurt, Germany at the age of 12, that Jimmy started playing guitar after seeing the movie Hard Days Night starring the Beatles. Not long after, he created his very first band called “The Thoughts” and played for most of the school’s activities which soon caught the attention of Fats Domino’s booking agent at the time, who began booking them at various teen centers all around Frankfurt.

But much too soon for Jimmy, in 1967 at age 16, he and the family were headed back to California.

It was a hard transition back to the states for Jimmy who ended up living with his grandparents in Norco, California before joining his Mother and brothers in Seaside, awaiting his father’s return. The Monterey Peninsula became his family’s home from that point on.

After graduating from Seaside High, Jimmy then began studying music and composition with Don Schamber at Monterey Peninsula College. He also attended Berklee in Boston and UC Santa Cruz, has studied with guitarists: Ted Greene, Carl Verheyen and Davis Ramey; trumpet and composition with Randy Masters and Tony Horowitz; Joe Sekon, mathematical composition, Ray Drummond, bass, and Ray Brown, trumpet and music arrangement.

But, he attributes Don Schamber from MPC, as the one who had the biggest influence on him.

“Don taught me how to appreciate and understand jazz, and how to compose. I believe I took every class he had. He was very stern, but I loved every minute of it.” Don Shamber became instrumental in Jimmy’s decision to leave Monterey and to seek out more opportunities in Los Angeles. **“I lost a real friend and mentor when Don passed away in 2011.”**

Jimmy accumulated many friends and even more mentors in Monterey, like: Pianist, Bobby Phillips who is the first person he calls when back in town. Besides jamming at local clubs, they often play together sharing their music with the residents at Park Lane, nursing home in Monterey. Bobby helped Jimmy with one of his newest jazz compositions: “AGI’S TUNE”, the most personal of Jimmy’s Singles just released this April.

Also having impact on Jimmy’s music was pianist Lee Durley, and the late, Ace Hill, who Jimmy says taught him the best lesson he’ll ever learn. The story goes: Ace threw Jimmy’s music book out into the audience and then yelled at the very young, 19 year old Jimmy, **“Boy... you don’t need that book. Just bring your ears and listen!”**

Other major supporters and mentors include: Bill Jackson and JJ (members of the Ace Hill Band), also, JoJo Franklin (JoJo Jam), bass player and music producer from Pacific Grove, who held regular jams in his living room with 5 to 10 great musicians, which included Jimmy, as well as: Randy Uchida (bass), Bill Delap (guitar), Brian Stock (trumpet), Stu Reynolds (sax), Don Pendagrass (piano), Mark Vrudny (drums) and whomever else was in town at the time. Most were alumni of MPC and former students of Don Schamber.

Nearly every month, Jimmy drives to Monterey (Castroville), to visit his Father and remaining brother, Tommy (his mother and youngest brother are interned in Monterey). You can bet Jimmy calls Bobby Phillips ASAP, and can be seen together jamming around town at many of the local clubs.

Jimmy is very proud of his latest jazz Singles: “Dear Mr. Benson” a tribute to George Benson, famed guitarist and recording artist and **“Agi’s Tune”**, the composition he wrote and recorded for his late wife who passed from cancer in 2010. **“It was an emotional journey creating these tunes. They mean a lot to me and represent so much of what I learned jamming with my friends at home... Monterey.”** Both singles have been released by **BFM Digital** on Amazon, iTunes and other popular Internet stores. Currently, these stations are playing Jimmy’s music: **KSBR 88.5 FM, KJJZ 102.3 FM**, and on **SmoothJazz.com Global Radio**

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Jimmy is in the midst of recording a new CD of his Reggae music as: IRIE, then he will return to his love of jazz composition. Look for Jimmy at the various Tommy Bahamas Bar & Grill or Tommy Bahamas Tropical Café, anywhere from Los Angeles, San Diego, and Palm Desert, as their regular house entertainment.

Aside from his music career, Jimmy is also recognized for his acting abilities with roles in these feature films:- “George Wallace” directed by the notable, Mr. John Frankenheimer, “Ford Fairlane” starring, Andrew Dice Clay, “Judge Koan” with Stanley Kamel, and in, “ Absolute Evil” directed by Ulli Lommel, starring David Carradine. Jimmy will be appearing on the TV Show “Mike and Molly” with Billy Gardell and Melissa McCarthy sometime this May.

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