

# GAVIN AHEARN

PIANIST | COMPOSER | PRODUCER

## Professional Experience

### Freelance Musician

Over 20 years' professional experience-performing, composing and arranging in Australia, Europe, Asia and the U.S. Career highlights include featured performances at internationally recognised festivals, international tours and original music releases.

### Bandleader

*The Wires Project* - an innovative mixed-media performance based collaboration.

*The Helgeland Suite* - Evocative Norwegian inspired music- 4 Vocalists, String Quartet + Rhythm Section.

*Gavin Ahearn Group* – from trio to larger ensembles. At various times has contained: Nic Cecire, Jonathan Zwartz, Brendan Clark, Karl Laskowski, Toby Hall (*Australia based*). Mike Dopazo, Christian Coleman, Chris Riggerbach (*U.S. based*). Raphi Giller, Juraj Kalazs, Gary Hoffman (*European based*).

*Coleman-Ahearn Band* – U.S. based band featuring Jon Irabagon, Sam Minae and Christian Coleman.

*Munro Band* – Sydney based funk/groove band.

### Composer, Producer and Arranger

*Composer* – original jazz compositions featured on three albums. Short film commissions, Advertising commissions and composition for Sound Libraries. Contemporary and Pop song writing and collaborations including charting songs.

*Producer/Arranger* – Produced and arranged albums and songs for various artists and genres. Highlights include Neilsen Gough's



2013 album "Pacific" and Chinese based singer Yinyin Ma's popular single "Never Go Away". Professional big band and smaller ensemble arranging work for various artists.

### Performer

*Played with* - Tina Harrod Electric Band, Briana Cowlshaw Band, Toby Hall Band, Neilsen Gough Group, Adrian Meares Quartet, Sean Coffin Sextet, Sussurro, and many others since 1991.

*Professional gigs* - 1000's of performances in professional settings such as cruise ships, venues, clubs, corporate events

### Educator

*Academy of Music and Performing Arts* – teacher of jazz and contemporary piano, jazz and contemporary performance art, jazz improvisation, chart writing and ensemble tutor.

*The Wires Project Workshops* – improvisation workshops for high and primary school students studying music, art, dance and drama. Conducted in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Slovakia, Norway.

*Jazz Workshop Australia* – jazz piano teacher.

## Creative Career Highlights

*Cooper Ridge* - an album by the *Coleman-Ahearn Band* was released and distributed Worldwide with famed Danish based jazz label 'Steeplechase in 2014. The album contained original compositions by Gavin Ahearn and Christian Coleman (Drums) and features New York men of the moment Jon Irabagon (Tenor Sax) and Sam Minae (Bass).

The Wires Project - Performances at Melbourne International Jazz Festival, Vivid Sydney, Urbanscapes (Malaysia). *The Wires Project* is a conceptual ensemble created by Gavin Ahearn and vocalist Briana Cowlshaw. The ensemble uses photographs rendered into video as a visual starting point for improvisations.

The Helgeland Suite Debut at Hemnes Jazz Festival, Norway – An extended composition written to reflect on elements specific to the Norwegian Landscape such as space, pristine nature, the long winter, the northern lights, granite.

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