JASON THOMPSON'S BIOGRAPHY

Jason Thompson is a gifted musician who has been playing the piano for over 45 years. As well as the piano, he also sings and plays other instruments. He has had a star-studded career that has taken him around the globe to over 25 countries – travelling over 200 times solely for music purposes to countries throughout Europe, America, the Caribbean, Asia and Africa. Although his main musical influences stemmed from the church where he grew up, he has successfully straddled the worlds of Jazz, Blues, Rock, Pop, R&B, Soul, Classical and Gospel music in his pursuit of musical excellence.

Jason's talents include composing, arranging, choir directing, piano tutoring, vocal training, session singing, workshop leading, music production & PA. He can teach both vocals and keyboard to students who wish to learn how to read music or play by ear and he has been teaching for over 30 years.

Jason was classically trained in music, attaining his Grade 8 in piano. He also completed an Advanced Jazz Piano course at Goldsmith's University, London. He has a BA Honours and BEd in Music Education. He teaches both children & adults. He has taught KS2 – KS5 Music; GNVQ and BTEC Music and GCSE and A-Level Music. He has also taught adults on a BMUS Music degree, as well as teaching a Diploma in Music. In previous schools, he ran lower school and upper school Gospel choirs for 10 years, took lower school orchestras, started guitar groups, conducted whole year 7 mass choir performances, was the Musical Director for school bands and school shows and did an enrichment programme for the upper school students working with primary school children. He has been Head of Music in four schools. He is extremely proud of his 100% pass rate in over 30 years for students he entered privately for examinations, under the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM).

Jason has worked with youth offenders and is a mentor for many young people. He has been a keynote inspirational speaker in schools, to motivate and influence young people embarking on further education or pursuing musical careers; inspiring and challenging them to be ambitious without limits, despite any difficult circumstances and background. Also educating them in the varying directions of their journey with their music. In mentoring some young people and setting high expectations for them, he gave these young people experiences in the music industry, which included bringing them to rehearsals, to planning meetings, performances, gigs and also playing and singing alongside some of them. Some of them have now progressed in becoming successful performers, artistes and Musical Directors in the music industry.

He teaches one-on-one and groups lessons for children and adults and has run music workshops both in the UK and in Europe.

Jason appears on various studio albums, and he scored a choral arrangement on one of the songs for the R&B singer Sam Smith. The string arrangement in the song is based on the choral arrangement he created. Jason was contacted by an international head-hunter to give Jennifer Hudson's son piano and singing lessons while she was in the UK as a judge on the television programme 'The Voice' UK.

Jason conducted and led a choir that performed for the Pope, for World Youth Day in Italy. This involved working with a 100-piece choir, 500-piece orchestra and was in front of an audience of 1 million people. He also performed in an Orange Mobile advert, a Polish advert advertising their equivalent to eBay and performed in the TV series Rose and Maloney, Hotel Babylon and Misfits.

Jason has been endorsed by Roland UK since 2005 as one of their artistes. He uses this platform to help fund music studios and equipment at discounted rates in schools and other organisations. His contacts and networks in the industry are extensive and solid. He understands and appreciates the purpose and power of collaboration. He invests time in maintaining this group of influential, eclectic people with a clear vision of purpose and ways to incorporate them to support a diverse delivery programme; promoting music & musical performance when needed. It is a valuable & intrinsic part of what he does and he is committed to widening his network through global organisations with a shared objective; to ignite a love of music.

Throughout 2003, Jason was the Musical Director for the national tour of the theatre show 'Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill'. He also worked as the Musical Director for the theatre show 'Simply Heavenly', which showed at Trafalgar Studios in London's West End from 2004 to 2005. He performed one of the songs from the show on ITV for The Evening Standard Awards in December 2004 and for 'Loose Ends' on Radio 4. The show was nominated for an Olivier Award for Best New Musical. Jason was also involved in the show 'Cry Of Innocence', a tribute to Stephen Lawrence, showing at Greenwich Theatre 2006.
Jason also had rehearsals with Audra McDonald for the show 'Lady Day', took the rehearsals for the show 'Five Guys Named Moe' and was one of the piano deps for 'Get Up Stand Up', the Bob Marley show.

Jason's own projects include The JT Band ('Jazz That!'), a collection of up to 8 talented musicians and several singers when required – from a soloist up to a choir. The JT Band has been together for over 25 years and is much in demand as a function group. Within the UK, performances have ranged from Scotland to Brighton. Internationally, performances have taken place in countries such as Poland, Spain, Italy, France and Ghana. The musicians' versatility and skill mean that they are as much at home in large concert venues and corporate events as in the intimate settings of small, personal receptions.

Jason was part of The Stix Project, which was a collection of musicians and singers brought together by Mark Hill, producer of Artful Dodger and Craig David.

Jason has a website: theJThub.com. His first course is a theory course for industry professionals who wish to improve on their score reading. This is now available and other courses will soon follow.
Jason is writing a music book to go with his website, which will be available online winter 2026. He is also co-writing a book that will cover topics such as choir directing, accompanying a choir or soloist and being a Musical Director. This eBook will also be available winter 2026, as well as his website for lessons.

Jason has taught many choirs, one of which was St Paul's Gospel Choir, London, which performed for the Queen's Golden Jubilee and performed with Sir Cliff Richard and Patti Boulaye. The choir also featured in the television series Rose and Maloney, July 2004, where Jason sang with them. He was the Musical Director of Brighton Goes Gospel - a community choir of 170+ members. He was their Musical Director for over 17 years and they had performances bi-annually, where his band, The JT Band, played for the choir – as well as industry professionals. Venues performed at included the Brighton Dome and the Brighton Marathon.

Jason has had extensive national performances in top venues in the UK: The Sage in Gateshead, Cross Rhythm Festivals, the Cheltenham Jazz Festival, The Royal Albert Hall and The Barbican, to name but a few.
Career highlights include:

- Playing for Ruby Turner tour at The Stables, The Lowry, Warwick Arts Centre, Kent College, Canterbury and The Farnham, Maltings, October 2026
- Playing for Boney M in Porto, Portugal, September 2026
- Playing for LCGC in Budapest, Hungary, September 2026
- Playing for Natasha Watts and Billy Phillips at the Eddy Fest, Basingstoke, August 2026
- Playing for Boney M for the annual San Fermin Pamplona Festival, Spain, July 2026
- Playing for Natasha Watts in Margate, June 2026
- Playing for Boney M at Oxford University, June 2026
- Playing for Wayne Hernandez at Boisdale Belgravia, May 2026
- Playing for Boney M, Glasgow, Scotland, May 2026
- Playing at Pizza Express Holborn for a function band, May 2026
- Playing for Gospel Rising at a choir event held at Sinfonia Smith Square, April 2026
- Playing for Ruby Turner at The Symphony Hall Birmingham for the Specsavers annual conference, March 2026
- Playing for Boney M, Bognor Regis, March 2026
- Playing for Ruby Turner at Trading Boundaries, Sheffield Green, March 2026
- Playing for Boney M at Boisdale, Canary Wharf, February 2026
- Playing for a charity event for Jamaica Hurricane appeal, February 2026

- Playing for Beverley Skeete (previous singer for Tina Turner) at 606 Club, February 2026
- Playing for Boney M at Butlins, Minehead, January 2026
- Playing 4 shows for Ruby Turner at Ronnie Scott's, London, January 2026
- Playing for Boney M in Aarhus, Denmark, January 2026
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the Old Bull's Head New Years Eve, December 2026
- Playing for London Community Gospel Choir for their candlelight show, November 2025
- Playing for Boney M in Portugal, October 2025
- Playing for Boney M at The Concorde, September 2025
- Playing for Boney M in Hungerford, August 2025
- Playing for Soulmotion at the Soul Mama restaurant, August 2025
- Playing for the Ruby Turner tour at the Guiting Music Festival Gloucester, Ancona Italy, Brecon Wales, Rye Jazz & Blues Festival & 4 sold out shows at Ronnie Scott's London, August 2025
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, July 2025
- Playing for Boney M in Pangbourne for The Jacksons tour, along with Sister Sledge and meeting Janet Jackson, July 2025
- Playing at St Martins In The Fields, Trafalgar Square, for Motown Memoirs, July 2025
- Playing for Atmosfear at the Glynde Music festival, July 2025
- Playing for Boney M in Finland, June 2025
- Playing for Boney M in Dublin, June 2025
- Playing for Boney M at the Balter Festival, May 2025
- Playing at The Guildhall for a judges, barristers and lawyers dinner dance event, May 2025
- Playing at Great Portland Street for a Luther Vandross tribute event, April 2025
- Playing at Soul Mama restaurant, March 2025
- Playing in a children's home Christmas Eve, December 2024
- Playing for Boney M at the Boisdale, Canary Wharf, December 2024
- Playing at St Martins In The Fields, Trafalgar Square, for Motown Memoirs, October 2024
- Playing for a Ruby Turner show at the Bewdley Festival, October 2024
- Playing for a Ruby Turner show at the Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues Festival, September 2024
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, August 2024
- Playing at the Cumberland hotel Marble Arch, for a Motown house band, July/August 2024
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, June 2024
- Playing for the London Community Gospel Choir (LCGC) in Bilboa, Spain, May/June 2024
- Playing for a Ruby Turner tour at the Sub Rooms, Stroud and Sidmouth Festival, Devon, May 2024
- Playing for Lex Cameron at the Boisdale, Victoria, May 2024
- Playing at the Cumberland hotel Marble Arch, for a Motown house band, April 2024
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, March 2024
- Playing at the Cumberland hotel, for a Motown house band, February 2024
- Adjudicating 'Battle of the Bands' at Alleyn's School, January 2024
- Playing for LCGC on a Baltic tour in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, December 2023
- Playing at the Cumberland hotel, for a Motown house band, November 2023
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, October 2023
- Playing for Boney M in Minehead, September 2023
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, September 2023
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, August 2023
- Recording a track for Kym Mazelle, The First Lady of House Music, July 2023
- Being at different events in Dubai, July 2023
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, June 2023
- Playing for Kym Mazelle at Butlins Skegness, June 2023
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, April 2023
- Touring with Boney M in Cuba, March 2023
- Adjudicating 'Battle of the Bands' at Alleyn's School, February 2023
- Playing piano on the theatre show Get Up Stand Up (Bob Marley), January 2023
- Playing for LCGC in Poland, December 2022

- Running his own event at Pizza Express Live Holborn, entitled Soul Sundays, December 2022
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Club, November 2022
- Playing for Precious Wilson at Butlin's, Skegness, October 2022
- Playing for Precious Wilson at Butlin's, Bognor Regis, September 2022
- Playing for Precious Wilson at Pizza Express, September 2022
- Touring with the international group Atmosfear in Norway, August 2022
- Playing for LCGC at the Saffron Waldron Festival, August 2022
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at Pizza Express, August 2022
- Playing for Shaun Escoffery at the Soul Weekender, July 2022
- Playing for Atmosfear at the 100 Club, July 2022
- Playing for Rupert Murdoch's grand-daughter's wedding, July 2022
- Playing for Rob Lamberti (George Michael tribute act), June 2022
- Playing for LCGC in Spain, June 2022
- Playing for Mary Pearce at the 606 Jazz Club, May 2022
- Playing for Atmosfear in Paris, March 2022
- Playing for the Drifters tribute band February – April 2022 in various venues in the country; from Wigan to Hackney Empire, London
- Playing for Beverley Skeete at the 606 Jazz Club, February 2022
- Being the Musical Director for Mica Paris from 2014-2021
- Playing for Boney M in Hertfordshire, October 2021
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Stroud Jazz Festival, September 2021
- Playing for Mica Paris at the Rye Jazz Festival, August 2021
- Playing for Mica Paris at the Rhondda Arts Festival, Wales, August 2021
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Jam House, Birmingham, August 2021
- Playing for Mica Paris in Scotland, July 2021
- Playing for Mica Paris at Ronnie Scott's, June 2021
- Recording piano for Mica Paris at Warner Music Group for radio, January 2021
- Recording for Songs of Praise performance for Mica Paris, aired December 2020
- Recording promo music videos for Mica Paris for Warner Music Group, November 2020
- Recording piano for Mica Paris at Warner Music Group for radio, October 2020
- Playing for Mica Paris at Boisdale Belgravia, October 2020
- Playing for Michelle John (X Factor finalist) at Quaglino's, Central London, March 2020
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Boisdale Club, Canary Wharf, January 2020
- Playing two shows for Boney M in Camberley and Somerset, December 2019
- Playing for Mica Paris at Quaglino's, Central London, November 2019
- Playing for Mica Paris in Dubai at the Dubai Opera House, November 2019
- Running his own event at Pizza Express Live Holborn, entitled Soul Sundays, monthly from June – December 2019
- Playing for the Gospel/Blues series at Pizza Express, Holborn, September – December 2018
- Playing for Ruby Turner, Tivoli Theatre, Wimborne, Minster, September 2018
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Hideaway, Streatham, July 2018
- Playing for Ruby Turner for her national tour, April 2018
- Playing for Hil St Soul at The Pizza Express, Dean St, Central London, January 2018
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Hideaway, Streatham, January 2018
- Playing for Sharon D. Clarke at The Pizza Express, Holborn, December 2017
- Playing for Boney M at The Assembly Hall in Worthing, November 2017
- Playing for Mica Paris for a Cancer Awareness Charity evening in Yorkshire, November 2017
- Playing for Heather Small at Quaglino's, Central London, November 2017
- Being the vocal coach for the theatre show Five Guys Named Moe, July, August 2017
- Playing for Mica Paris at the Love Supreme Festival July 2017 & appearing on Ashley Banjo's TV series Big Town Dance at the Festival – Ashley got someone from the crowd to sing with Mica
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Hideaway, Streatham, July 2017
- Giving piano & singing lessons to Jennifer Hudson's son while she was on The Voice, March 2017
- Playing for Mica Paris at Canvas, Bournemouth, January 2017

- Playing for Mica Paris at The Hideaway, Streatham, January 2017
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Rye Jazz Festival, August 2016
- Playing for the Vince Dunn Orchestra, July 2016
- Playing for Mica Paris at Joys, Puerto Banus, Spain, May 2016
- Playing for Mica Paris for Montegrappa in Venice, Italy, March 2016
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Hideaway, Streatham, January 2016
- Playing for Mica Paris New Year's Eve on Dover St, December 2015
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Jazz Cafe, Camden, July 2015
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Prince Of Wales (POW) Club, Brixton, March 2015
- Playing for Mica Paris at The Boisdale Club, Canary Wharf, February 2015
- Playing in Manchester's Band On The Wall venue, December 2014
- Playing for Mica Paris at the Teens Unite Charity Ball, November 2014
- Playing for Boney M for the Watchet Festival, August 2014
- Playing in the Bermuda Jazz Festival, January 2014
- Playing for the Novara Gospel Festival in Italy, September 2013 & playing for Myron Butler
- Playing for the Novara Gospel Festival in Italy, October 2012 & playing for Micah Stampley & 21:03
- Playing for the Novara Gospel Festival in Italy, October 2011 and playing for Jonathan Nelson
- Playing for the Novara Gospel Festival in Italy, October 2010. Kurt Carr & Myron Butler headlined
- Performing on the television series Misfits, June 2010
- Playing for Boney M in their tour of Norway, June 2010
- Playing for the Novara Gospel Festival in Italy, October 2009. Donnie McKlurkin was the main artist
- Playing for Maxi Priest and Carleen Anderson at the annual Black Police Association event at The Royal Festival Hall October 2009
- Performing on the television series Hotel Babylon, July 2009
- Playing in the House Band for the Oraclez Gospel Event at Wembley, London May 2009
- Playing for the David Gest 'My Life' Tour, January 2009
- Playing & singing with Ruby Turner as her MD for her UK & European tours, March 2006-Jan 2009
- Playing for the support act for The Blind Boys Of Alabama at Brighton Dome, December 2008
- Performing with Oleta Adams for her UK Tour, December 2008
- Playing for the Black Police Association annual event at The Royal Festival Hall, October 2003-2009
- Playing for the Novara Gospel Festival in Italy, Sept 2008. Richard Smallwood was the main artist
- Playing for Ashford & Simpson for the ASCAP Awards, September 2008
- Recording live at Ronnie Scott's for Ruby Turners album, December 2007
- Playing for the wedding of television actor Will Mellor in 2007
- Playing for Ashford & Simpson in their European tour, July 2007
- Playing for the actress Tamsin Outwaite's wedding reception, while performing with Ruby Turner
- Representing the UK and playing in a select band at the Barbados Jazz Festival, January 2007
- Being one of the backing singers for the television show X Factor, November 2006
- Performing in the opera, Ca Ira, in the Ukraine, 2006
- Playing for Womack & Womack in their UK Tour, 2006
- Playing at a Richard Branson charity event and meeting the former president of the USA, Bill Clinton, and actor Michael Douglas, September 2006
- Being the only musician to play for the funeral of Desmond Dekker, June 2006
- Performing in a Polish advert for the company Allegro, filmed in Poland, April 2006
- Singing in a select choir chosen to sing oohs and aahs for the film 'Amazing Grace', 2005
- Playing for the support act for The Isley Brothers at The Royal Albert Hall 2005
- Playing at The Cheltenham Jazz Festival, April 2005 where Herbie Hancock was the featured artist
- Featuring in the children's TV programme 'Xchange', January 2005 for the BBC
- Performing in the BBC's Walt Disney's Prom in the Park, at Hyde Park September 2004
- Playing in the Copenhagen Jazz House while touring in Denmark, December 2002. Musical greats such as Herbie Hancock, Bill Evans, Chick Corea and Oscar Peterson have also played there
- Participating in the Richard Smallwood orchestra in Denmark, 2001 with 1000 singers
- Touring in Japan, December 2000

- Accompanying gospel sensation Cece Winans for the Pope on World Youth Day in Italy, July 2000, in front of an audience of 1 million people
- Performing in an Orange Mobile Telecommunications advert filmed in Hungary, August 1999

Jason has been the Musical Director and accompanist for previous top UK Gospel artistes including:

- Karen Gibson and the Kingdom Choir (who sang for the royal wedding of Harry & Megan)
- Bazil Meade and the London Community Gospel Choir (LCGC)
- The Adventist Chorale (Sainsbury's Choir of The Year winners)
- Raymond and Co (GMTV award-winners)
- Mark Beswick and Power Praise
- Blessed Voices (GMTV award-winners)
- Noel Robinson and Nu Image

Other artistes of note that Jason has performed with or for include:

Incognito, Kelly Le Roc, Liberty X, Corinne Bailey-Rae, Bonnie Tyler, Patti Boulaye, Leona Lewis, Oleta Adams, Boney M, Gwen Dickey of Rose Royce, Omar, Blind Boys of Alabama, Shaun Escoffery, Paulette Tajah, J'Nay, Imaani, Carol Thompson, Janet Kay, Dawn Penn, Alison Hinds, Bitty Mclean, Terri Walker, Caron Wheeler, Don E, Rhianne Benson, Eddie Holman, Russell Thompkins Jr & The New Stylistics, Peobo Bryson, James Ingram, Billy Paul, Freda Payne, Dorothy Moore, Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr, Ann Nesby from Sounds Of Blackness and Edwin Hawkins.