



BEN JOLEKA

BIOGRAPHY



Ben Joleka, Freelance Pianist and Keyboardist, hails originally from the east coast of Canada where in high school, he played in many blues and rock bands. He came to Toronto at the age of 17 to study music at Humber College where he received an honours diploma in jazz/commercial music studies with a major in performance and a minor in arranging. He has been working as a professional musician in the greater Toronto area since 1995 where he has established himself as one of the top keyboard players in the area for live or studio situations.

Ben is also an established music teacher having taught music lessons since 1992. He has been a staple teacher at the Merriam School of Music since 1998 where he served one year as Piano Department Head. Ben now runs his own business - The Music House - teaching lessons, recording, arranging, and providing all forms of live entertainment.

Ben currently plays regularly with R&B singer, Virgil Scott, multi-talented Krista Blondin, singer Catherine Mitchell, and with various "Legends" shows in the theatre and casino circuit including Anthony Von, Bernie Jessum, Dave Bata, and many more, as well as his own project, Bob Loblaw.

Ben has also performed and recorded with many other artists including MCA Country Recording Artist Lawnie Wallace; Funk/Disco showband Downstroke; celtic musician Duncan Cameron, singer Mollie Fisher and is an annual guest keyboardist with Tim James.