



Hue Blanes

PIANIST COMPOSER SINGER SONGWRITER

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Hue Blanes is an Australian jazz pianist, composer, and singer-songwriter. He has played in some of Australia's most prestigious arts festivals, where he has displayed his incredible versatility as a musician and singer. He is the winner of the 2018 Lucerne School of Music International Jazz Piano Competition – Langnau Jazz Nights Festival. He is currently undertaking a Masters at the Koninklijk Conservatorium in The Hague, Netherlands. Hue Blanes is signed to Pound Records, Australia.

Instruments

Piano, vocals, melodica, harmonium, organ

Education

2017 – 2019	Masters of Jazz, Koninklijk Conservatorium, Den Haag NL
2003 – 2005	Bachelor of Music Performance, Monash University, Victoria AU
2002 – 2003	Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS)

Awards, Nominations & Scholarships

- 2018 Winner Lucerne School of Music International Jazz Piano Competition – Langnau Jazz Nights Festival
- 2017 Winner PBS Young Elder of Jazz Award for **'Things that have been said'**
Nominated for 6 Room Green Awards for **'Hue Blanes and the Moon'**
Nominated for a Sydney Theatre Awards for **'80 minutes no interval'**
- 2005 Winner Monash University Billy Hyde Music Prize for 'Outstanding Achievement'
- 2001 VCASS Scholarship

Grants & Commissions

- 2018 Australian Council for the Arts Grant
- 2017 PBS Young Elder of Jazz Commission
- 2016 PLEXUS Chamber Ensemble Commission
- 2017 Boroondara City Council Commission, 'Blow the man Down'

Compositions, song cycles

- 2017 **'Things that have been said'** for piano, violin, double bass, and drums
'Blow the man down' for piano and baritone
- 2016 **'Hue Blanes and the Moon'** solo piano and vocals
'The Sun, the moon and the planets' for piano, violin, and clarinet
'World leaders and the illuminati' for solo piano and vocals

Selected performances

- 2019 The Words of Men | Bitch Epic Tour – **Deborah Conway**, Australia tour
European Platform for Artistic Research in Music EPARM Conference – **L8 NITE Performance**, Romania

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- 2018 Lucerne School of Music International Jazz Piano Competition – **Langnau Jazz Nights Festival**, Switzerland
- 2017 Melbourne International Jazz Festival – **‘Things that have been said’** premiere
 Kew Courthouse – **‘Blow the man down’** premiere
 Golden Plains Music Festival – as part of JAZZ PARTY
 Stonnington Jazz Festival – **‘I choose you’** premiere
 Jazz Lab – **‘Holiday’** premiere
- 2016 Melbourne International Jazz Festival – Late Night Jams
 Festival of Voices – as Singh & Blanes
 Bennett’s Lane – Last concert ever
 Stonnington Jazz Festival - Gil Scott-Heron tribute
 Melbourne International Comedy Festival – **‘Hue Blanes and the moon’** premier

Selected Discography

As Hue Blanes

- 2017 **Straight Chaser** debut album for Hue Blanes Trio (jazz), with Hue Blanes on Piano, Ben Hanlon on double bass, Daniel Farrugia on drums. Released through Pound Records
Holiday released through Pound Records
- 2014 **Sad Songs Make Me Happy** released through Pound Records

As Singh and Blanes

- 2017 **I Choose You** duet album Hue Blanes and Parvyn Singh released through Pound Records

As part of the Melodics

- 2010 **Paint me gold** piano, backing vocals, lyrics, music arrangement
- 2009 **4D** piano, backing vocals, lyrics, music arrangement

As sideman – Selected discography

- 2018 DEBORAH CONWAY & WILLY ZIGIER piano, vocals
- 2017 JAZZ PARTY **Monday Night** piano, vocals
 CHRIS FRANGOU **Kaleidoscope** piano
 CODA CHROMA **Coda Chroma** piano, vocals
- 2016 DEBORAH CONWAY & WILLY ZYGIER **Everybody’s begging** piano, vocals
- 2015 OLIVIA CHINDAMO **Keep your eye on spring** piano
 RHYS MULDOON **Perfect is the enemy of good** piano
- 2014 BLACK JESUS EXPERIENCE **Migration** piano
- 2011 BLACK JESUS EXPERIENCE **Yeluinta** piano

Productions

- 2016 80 minutes no interval (The Old Fitz Theatre) – Composer
- 2016 The odd-couple (Melbourne Theatre Company) – Piano
- 2014 Jack Irish (TV) – Piano
- 2012 The New Black – Musical director

Residencies

- 2017 Weekly residency during May and June at the Jazz Lab, Melbourne AU
- 2015, 2016, 2017 Weekly residency at Bennett’s Lane, Melbourne AU
- 2014 – 2017 Artist in residence at Baptist Moreland Church, Melbourne AU

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