

## **Brian Baker Bio 2023 - Phone 0272238998**

Having relocated from Melbourne, Australia, and settled into an off-the-grid permaculture farm north of Auckland in homeland New Zealand – singer-songwriter/producer Brian Baker has gotten busy setting up a new studio space and is pumping out high quality tracks, both of his own work and happy clients that come and record with him. Brian is a singer/songwriter/producer with a passion for the environment, a theme evident in his songs, music, and videos.

### **Live...**

Brian's solo live show is all about jaw dropping guitar skills, passionate vocals, and great songs with a projected video show that lifts the audience off their feet. His experience is evident in giving his audience a great time, with a personal touch. He knows how to work the crowd! In the 2 years that he's been back in New Zealand he's beginning to establish a presence on the scene with regular, successful single and video launches, gathering 5 star media reviews. He's performed the solo show regularly, notably in 2022/23 at The Spirit Festival, The Okura Forest Festival, Whangārei Fringe Festival, Artbeat, plus shows and supports at the Liegh Sawmill and The Butter Factory in Whangarei, to delighted crowds.

The show itself is laptop driven, has a silent stage as Brian uses his own in ear monitoring and is a very quick setup and pull down. His stellar guitar skills, uplifting vocals and great songs are attracting a growing following.

### **Releasing album November 2023...**

Over the last 3 years Brian has been regular releasing new material but that may slow a bit now as all efforts are being directed to a full length album release through Triple A Records. (Triple A and boss Matt Smith represent Troy Kingi). Between Triple A and Origin Music Publishing (Philip Mortlock at the helm), we expect a great deal of positive promotion for this highly anticipated release that is planned for November 2023.

### **In the past....**

Brian is passionate about songwriting and is a student and big fan of Pat Pattison. (A professor at Berklee College of Music, teaching lyric writing and poetry.) After moving to Australia from New Zealand in 1980, Brian performed with many Australian bands, securing a Sony recording deal with "The Ones". Around this time he scored his first song placement on the second UnCanny X-Men album, (Australian rock act) with the song "Colour Your Answer Blue". After writing and recording the top 20 single "Heart" with The Ones (released on Sony) he went on to co-write the score for the movie "Rikki and Pete" with Eddie Rayner from Split Enz/Crowded House. Eddie and Brian continued to work together as "The Makers", releasing 2 CDs through Warner's East West label, including the hit single "Big Picture". Together with drummer Michael Barker, they toured Australia and New Zealand with the B52's and appeared on TV shows like MTV, Countdown, Hey Hey It's Saturday, Tonight Live, and The Midday Show. Eddie and Brian still work together from time to time, with Eddie contributing mixing tips and critique, plus various bits of keyboards on Brian's other work. They last performed together at the Waiheke Island International Jazz Festival in 2012 to delighted crowds and recently released an album of out takes and live recordings from The Makers.

Brian is a totally experienced artist, with great skills and a brace of great new songs to lift audiences. Check out his latest live videos and call 0272238998 to book.