

A Summary of Pianist Mike Strickland

Born in Jackson, MS in 1953, Mike's deep-south influences provided the foundation for an eclectic musical style that encompasses popular, blues, boogie-woogie, and jazz genres as well as original works. His Southern easy-going charm, sparkling arrangements, and superb musicianship are highlights of his performances across the nation.

Pianist Mike Strickland has established himself as a prolific recording artist, releasing 22 CDs to date on his own label, MSP Records. His CDs have sold over 350,000 copies and are distributed in the USA and digitally throughout the world.

As a composer, Mike has always been inspired and driven by melody. He also loves to experiment with motion and texture, using the piano as his own orchestra. He has developed his own unique style of piano artistry and has racked up some impressive achievements. In addition to his original music airing for 7 seasons on CBS Sports PGA Golf, his music has also been heard on the NBC, FOX and ABC television networks as well as several major motion pictures. In 2009, Mike's positive message song/animation "Spread Joy" was also featured on ABC Good Morning America.

This one-of-a-kind pianist performs as a solo piano artist, and with his duo or trio. As a talented arranger and composer, Mike also performs as a guest soloist with orchestra bringing his custom orchestrations of popular and original music to the stage.

Living in Oregon since 2007, Mike continues to perform, teach, arrange, produce and record. Mike has helped produce and/or arrange over 60 projects of other artists ranging from solo piano projects to vocal groups.

Mentorship is a very important part of Mike's musical life. Often, when he performs in a community, he mentors the local talent, whether vocalists or instrumentalists, and includes them as guest performers in his concerts. To find out more about his outreach/mentorship program, [click here](#).

This year Mike plans to publish many more of his unique solo piano arrangements of popular and original music for pianists around the world. His youtube channel <http://www.youtube.com/mikestrickland> features many of these arrangements with much more to come.