

# Biographical information Toby Hall and Brett Hirst

## ***Toby Hall, drums***



Toby Hall is one of the most highly regarded Australian drummers. He has played on more than 20 CDs and performed with virtually every major Australian jazz artist, as well as many top international artists. He has toured extensively throughout Australia and performed at many jazz festivals and contemporary music venues throughout Europe, USA, Canada, Asia, and the South Pacific.

A band-leader in his own right he currently juggles his commitments with a number of the best Sydney bands including The Umbrellas, Sandy Evans Trio, Roger Manins' Project Shoint and the Alister Spence Trio along with his masters degree studies at the Sydney Conservatorium.

## ***Brett Hirst, bass***



Brett Hirst completed his Diploma of jazz studies at the Christchurch School of Jazz with a double major in Performance and Arranging & Composition. During his time in New Zealand Brett was invited to perform with several American artists of international renown such as Mark Levine, Harvey Weinapel, Gordon Brisker and Bruce Paulson. Since moving to Sydney in 1998 and completing a year of post graduate study at the Sydney conservatorium, Brett currently maintains a busy schedule as a member of the Sandy Evans Trio, the Vince Jones Band, the Mike Nock Trio and Big Band, Phil Slaters Very Interactive Band, the James Muller Quartet, Scott Tinkler's Drub, Nick McBride's Rectangle, Toaster, the Gerard Masters Trio, The Roger Manins Group, Heavy Weather, pop rock band Lior, Reuben Derrick Group and Sam Keevers' Red Fish Blue.