

ROB ECKLAND

Pianist / Arranger / Conductor / MD / Composer

Training:

Royal College of Music 2006-2010 (BMus Hons)

Commercial Piano and Drums/Percussion, studying with *Mike Moran / Ralph Salmins / Alex Neal*

Selected Credits - (*either as Performer/Arranger/MD/AMD*)

Robbie Williams - Kylie Minogue - Nile Rodgers - Cher - Cee Lo Green - Gary Barlow - Gregory Porter - Bryan Adams - Jess Glynne - Lenny Kravitz - Ne-Yo - Jamie Cullum - James Morrison - Joss Stone - Clean Bandit - Gabrielle - Nicole Scherzinger - Beverley Knight - Katherine Jenkins - Ladysmith Black Mambazo - Paloma Faith - Daniel Beddingfield - Jools Holland - Alexandra Burke - Louis Tomlinson - Emma Bunton - Mel C - Mel B - Mica Paris - Sophie Ellis Bextor - Ailee - Martin Kemp - Michael Ball - Russell Watson - Elaine Paige - Amber Riley - Jason Donovan - David Essex - Florence & The Machine - Rachel Stevens - Megan McKenna - Tom Grennan - Izzy Bizu - Jake Shears - Goldie - Anggun - Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings - Jimmy Nail - Amanda Holden - John Barrowman - Simon Webbe - Jay Sean - Antony Costa - Kwabs - Real Like You - Morten Harket - Assala Nasri - Justin Hawkins - Skin - KSI - Denise Van Outen - Dizzee Rascal - Rebecca Ferguson - Lee Ryan - Tony Hadley - Aston Merrygold - Ella Eyre - Nicola Roberts - Kelis - The Overtones - Collabro - Bradley Walsh - Underworld - Jack Savoretti - Yola - Louise Redknapp - Rick Wakeman - Dame Evelyn Glennie - Anoushka Shankar - Roderick Dixon - Lee Mead - Marisha Wallace - Martine McCutcheon

Media:

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| > The X Factor (<i>Arranger, 6 Chair Challenge & Routining</i>) | > The Brit Awards | > The Masked Singer (<i>Track Production & Routining</i>) |
| > Britain's Got Talent (<i>Arranger, Live Pianist & Routining</i>) | > The NME Awards | > Celebrity X Factor (<i>Arranger & Routining</i>) |
| > X Factor: The Band (<i>Routining</i>) | > BBC Maestro | > All Together Now (<i>Routining</i>) |
| > America's Got Talent: The Champions (<i>Arranger</i>) | > Noel's HQ | > Britain's Got Talent: The Champions (<i>Live & Routining</i>) |
| > America's Got Talent (<i>Routining</i>) | | > London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony |
| > Celebrity All Together Now (<i>Routining</i>) | | > Bryn Terfel Scholarship (<i>Arranger & House Band</i>) |
| > Magic at the Musicals (<i>Magic FM, Royal Albert Hall</i>) | | > Magic at the Movies (<i>Musical Director</i>) |
| > Ant & Dec Saturday Night Takeaway (<i>Stephen Mulhern</i>) | | > Prince Charles' 70th Birthday (<i>Buckingham Palace</i>) |
| > BBC Dementia Choir at Christmas (<i>London Coliseum</i>) | | > Evening Standards Theatre Awards (<i>Musical Director</i>) |
| > The Greatest Show (<i>BBC One, BBC Concert Orchestra</i>) | | |

Recent Studio:

- > BBC Radio 2 Children In Need Single - *Stop Crying Your Heart Out* - Decca. String Arranger and Conductor. Produced by Brian Rawling and Mark Taylor.
- > Mica Paris - *Gospel* - Warner Music Group. Arranger, Conductor and Piano. Produced by Brian Rawling and Paul Meehan.
- > Amanda Holden - *Songs From My Heart* - Virgin/EMI. Arranger, Conductor and Piano. Produced by Brian Rawling and Paul Meehan.
- > Martin & Shirlie Kemp - *In The Swing Of It* - Big Band Album for Sony. Arranger and Conductor. Produced by Brian Rawling and Paul Meehan.
- > Joss Stone, Ailee and Anggun - *Silent Night: A Song For The World*. Worldwide documentary for *Moonlake Entertainment*. Arranger, Conductor and Piano.
- > Ailee - *Christmas Sweater* - String Arranger and Piano.
- > Leading Ladies - *Songs From The Stage* - Arranging and Conductor of 2x tracks. Assistant Arranger remainder of the Record (to Matthew Brind).
- > Emma Bunton - *My Happy Place* - Piano on 2x tracks from the Album. Produced by Brian Rawling and Paul Meehan.
- > John Barrowman - *A Fabulous Christmas* - Arranger for 1x track, and Co-Arrangement for 1x track. Produced by Matthew Brind
- > Anton Du Beke - *From The Top* - Arranger and Conductor of 2x tracks. Assistant Arranger for the remainder of the Record (to Matthew Brind).

Orchestras/Ensembles:

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| > Royal Philharmonic Orchestra | > BBC Concert Orchestra | > Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra | > Philharmonia Orchestra |
| > Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra | > English Chamber Orchestra | > London Metropolitan Orchestra | > BBC Big Band |

West-End:

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| > Dreamgirls - <i>AMD</i> | > Motown: The Musical - <i>AMD</i> | > Everybody's Talking About Jamie - <i>AMD</i> | > Stephen Ward - <i>K1</i> |
| > The War Of The Worlds - <i>K2</i> | > Beautiful - <i>Deputy</i> | > The Bodyguard - <i>Deputy</i> | > Bat Out Of Hell - <i>Deputy</i> |
| > Thriller Live - <i>Deputy</i> | > I Bought A Blue Car Today | | |

Producers/Composers:

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| > Lord Andrew Lloyd-Webber | > Glenn Ballard | > Nigel Wright | > Graham Stack |
| > Alan Silvestri | > Brian Rawling | > Andrew Lipka | > Matthew Brind |
| > Mark Taylor | | | |

Tours/Other:

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| > The War Of The Worlds (Arena Tour) | > Back To The Future | > Soul Sister - MD | > Inala - AMD |
| > <i>Brendan Cole's</i> Showman | > Dancing In The Streets - MD | > Sandstorm - K2 (Dave Arch) | > Rip It Up 50s - Deputy |
| > Grease (Ljubljana) - <i>Orchestrator</i> | | | |

Track Production:

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| > The X Factor | > The Masked Singer | > America's Got Talent: The Champions | > Rachel Stevens |
| > Strictly Come Dancing: The Professionals | > Remembering The Oscars | > Marisha Wallace | > Rip It Up 70s |
| > Over 50 shows for <i>ted</i> | > Mister Maker & The Shapes | > Oli Nez | |

Other:

- > Conducted, Played and Arranged at many of the top London studios - including *Abbey Road, Angel, Air, RAK* and *British Grove Studios*.
- > Regularly engaged by *ted* as an Arranger, arranging over 50 of their Production Shows for *Marella* and *TUI Sensatori*. Fixes and co-ordinates Recording Sessions for Instrumentalists and Vocalists.
- > Rob has his own home studio - *Brookland Studios* where he houses his Yamaha C5 Grand Piano, alongside many keyboards and high-end microphones, where he also uses an array of leading sound/sample libraries. He also has the space to record live musicians.

Referees:

Ralph Salmins (Leading Session Musician)

"Rob is a consummate all-round Musician who is equally at home on keyboards in a rhythm section, arranging or as Musical Director. He is unquestionably one of the brightest talents on the London scene."

Adam Goldsmith (Leading Session Musician)

"I've worked with Rob for a number of years, both as a player and under his Musical Direction. As a Pianist, he has great time and feel. As an Arranger, his charts are absolutely brilliant; his take-downs are immaculate, but he also knows when to allow the musician the 'freedom to play'. Added to this, he's a good bloke, who makes sure that there is a strong balance between hard work and keeping morale high."

Matthew Brind (MD/Supervisor/Arranger)

"Rob has worked for me on a number of projects for TV and stage, including *Britain's Got Talent*, and *X Factor* for ITV. His arrangements are exemplary in any style that I throw at him, whilst more often than not having to meet very imminent deadlines. Further to this, he is also a fantastic Piano player, with superb feel and groove."

Keith Strachan (Supervisor/Composer)

"He has an innate musical ability that goes beyond training. His playing is exceptional and he has superb feel for the music. Added to this, he has a very easy going nature and natural leadership qualities. These combine to make Rob a person everyone both likes and respects. I trust him implicitly and would have no hesitation recommending him for any MD job."

Further referees include *Nick Finlow (West-End Supervisor/MD)* (reference on request)