

# **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 - Annie Lennox - 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 - Denise Van Outen - Dizzee Rascal - Rebecca Ferguson - Lee Ryan - Tony Hadley - Aston Merrygold - Lola Lennox - 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 - Moss Kena - Hamish Stuart

### **Media:**

> The X Factor (*Arranger, 6 Chair Challenge & Routining*)  
 > Epic Gameshow: Name That Tune (*House Band & Co-Arranger*)  
 > America's Got Talent (*Routining*)  
 > America's Got Talent: The Champions (*Arranger*)  
 > Celebrity X Factor (*Routining & Arranger*)  
 > X Factor: The Band (*Routining*)  
 > Magic at the Musicals (*Magic FM, Royal Albert Hall*)  
 > Ant & Dec Saturday Night Takeaway (*Stephen Mulhern*)  
 > BBC Dementia Choir at Christmas (*London Coliseum*)  
 > The Greatest Show (*BBC Concert Orchestra*)

> The Masked Singer (*Track Production & Routining*)  
 > Britain's Got Talent (*Arranger, Live Pianist & Routining*)  
 > All Together Now (*Routining*)  
 > Britain's Got Talent: The Champions (*Live & Routining*)  
 > London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony  
 > Bryn Terfel Scholarship (*Arranger & House Band*)  
 > Magic at the Movies (*Musical Director*)  
 > Celebrity All Together Now (*Routining*)  
 > Evening Standards Theatre Awards (*Musical Director*)  
 > BBC Maestro

### **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.  
 > BBC Radio 2 House Music 2021 - Lola Lennox ft. Annie Lennox and the BBC Concert Orchestra. Arranger.  
 > 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:**

> 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:**

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

### **Producers/Composers:**

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

**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                             |                  |

**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> |                               |                              |                          |

**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.
- > Other notable performances include: Prince Charles' 70th Birthday at Buckingham Palace, Camilla Parker-Bowles' 70th birthday at Highgrove, The Brit Awards, The NME Awards

**Referees:**

**Ralph Salmis (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)