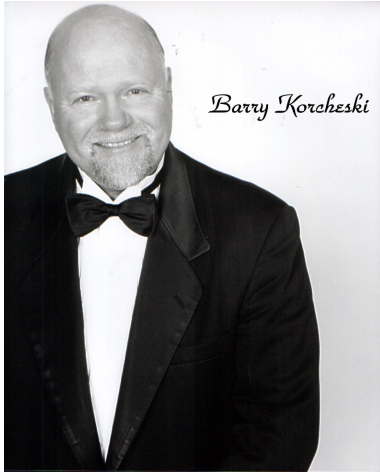


***Barry Korcheski***  
***Pianist – Vocalist – Entertainer***



Barry began his career at the tender age of 16 in Niagara Falls, Ontario on New Years Eve as a guitarist for the "Freddie Godwin Trio". In high school, Barry formed a rock & roll band in St.Catharines, Ontario called "Sounds Easy" playing at high school dances and events. While attending university in London, Ontario Barry joined the "Silver Stars" as bassist and the band became one of the best German polka bands in Southern Ontario.

Expanding on his music experience, Barry moved to Ottawa for three years where he played bass with "We-3", a Country & Western trio that performed at country clubs, dances and events. Barry also became a member of the "Dynamic Duo" as keyboardist, performing in eastern Ontario and Quebec. He then moved on to Toronto where he performed with the "Chocolate Éclair" trio and as a soloist, playing at area clubs such as the Beaches Pub, Queen Street Pub, and Kingston Street Tavern.

After completing university in 1973, Barry traveled the world and performed in Sydney, Australia as a solo artist in Bondi Beach and with the "Transit Show Band", one of the top show bands in Wellington, New Zealand.

Returning to Canada Barry joined "Opus", an established quartet performing at major corporate events throughout the Vancouver mainland. Opus became a lead act for such venues as the Sheraton-Landmark, Gleneagles Golf & Country Club, Devonshire Hotel, and the Sheraton-Villa and he became a back-up pianist for singer/actress, Julie Faye at such venues as the Back Stage Lounge and the Casablanca Restaurant.

Then it was off to Texas where Barry was a featured pianist at the Holiday Inn in Dallas, Texas for three years. He also became a lead performer at "Alley Cats", a premier music/comedy revue in Dallas. Barry also toured the US southwest with a trio called "Flashback".

Returning to Vancouver in 1991, Barry focused on soloist-pianist-vocalist performances at venues in the Vancouver/Whistler area including: La Notte Restaurant; Bearfoot Bistro; Black Tusk Tavern; The Vancouver Club; Terminal City Club; Pier Restaurant; Northshore Winter Club; Westin Bayshore; Waterfront Hotel;

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Bayside Room; Vancouver Press Club and many more. Barry also performed with the Phylis Adele Trio at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival in 2002.

During his time in Vancouver, Barry also performed with various trios on the Pacific Princess, (the original "Love Boat"), and the Regal Princess with their Alaskan cruises from 1982 to 1985. He was also an active in local recording studios as a studio musician and also produced and recorded a Christmas CD entitled "Christmas in Vancouver". The CD is currently sold through the independent distributor CDBABY. To hear sound tracks from his Christmas CD click on the following web link - <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/barrykorcheski> .

Barry is based now in Nelson, New Zealand with his wife Lynne and actively performs as a soloist and with many established local bands. Past bands include: "The Moonlighters", "The Tahunatics", "Hammond Eggs" and a six-piece big band featuring the "Bay Horns". Some highlights of past performances and musical achievements include:

- Participated in the Nelson Jazz Festival for the last seven years.
- Performed as pianist for the musicals, "Grease" and the "Copacabana".
- Wrote and recorded a new jingle for the local "Fresh FM" radio station.
- Featured as the entertainer for the Nelson Giants national basketball team season games for five years.
- Received several newspaper reviews and performance testimonials.
- Performed as a studio musician in several recording studios.
- Former Treasurer of the Nelson Jazz Club.
- Nominated Trustee Director for the Tasman Arts/Drama Trust (TASMAD) Inc.
- Member of (APRA) Artist and Performer Rights Association - Australia/ NZ.

Currently, Barry is active as an established musician, writer, performer and entertainer in the Nelson area performing with such bands as: "The Panama Boys"; "Nelson Dance Orchestra"; "Soul D"; "Katrina Kallil and the Heartbeats"; "BT Groove" and as a soloist or with his "Baz's Travellin' Piano Bar".

In summary, Barry is **versatile** and easily embraces a variety of musical styles from county & western to polkas... pop/funk... rock...big band standards...latin... children's music... romantic dinner music...and more. Barry is an **international performer** and **experienced** musician with the ability to sing, play bass keyboard, Hammond organ and piano with or without computer music sequences. A **professional** committed to delivering his best, Barry works easily with other musicians and venues. As an **established** recording artist and Barry enjoys his work and projects. Keeping a **positive attitude**, with personality and humour in his performances is always set to please audiences of any size, style, mood or personality.

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