



Children's Entertainer, Author, Artist

Mike Bryden

Artist Bio & CV

Mike Bryden is an interdisciplinary artist, born in Montreal and living in Vancouver with his family. Having focused much of his career on visual arts working as an illustrator and graphic designer, in 2017 Mike shifted gears and decided to move his music into the spotlight. Although considered an emerging talent, his performing career dates as far back as his teenage years when he toured as a puppeteer with renowned children's entertainer Suzanne Pinel (Marie Soleil).

Mike's live performance is a unique blend of songs, stories and live drawings. His current project playfully deconstructs the meaning behind traditional proverbs and expressions. Geared for children of all ages, he tackles important topics such as tolerance and individuality through songs such as "The Goose and The Gander".

As a bilingual performer Mike seamlessly infuses French content into his songs, providing another layer of active learning for kids. His vision is to create entertaining bilingual content that unites and inspires young

listeners, no matter their mother tongue.

In June 2019, Mike released his debut children's album, *Sing Song Sayings* for which he received strong media attention. His album release concert consisted of two sold out shows in Vancouver's Commercial Drive.

In November of 2019, Mike began producing and hosting a successful, family-oriented monthly variety show named the East Van Family Jams. Noteworthy guests include Jill Barber and Oh Susanna.

Beyond songwriting and live performances, Mike is currently writing and illustrating a series of children's picture books based on the same theme of "kid-splaining" common expressions.

Mike holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Communications from the University of Ottawa and diplomas in Graphic Design and Multimedia Design from Vancouver Community College. He is one of the founding partners of the successful advertising agency Dead Famous which launched in Vancouver in 2010.

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EDUCATION

- 1996 Multimedia Design, Vancouver Community College
- 1996 Graphic Design, Vancouver Community College
- 1995 Bachelor of Communications, University of Ottawa
- 1989 Bachelor of Fine Arts - Studio, University of Ottawa

MUSIC RELEASE

- 2019 Sing Song Sayings
 - Bilingual children's music with 10 original tracks
 - Written and performed by Mike Bryden
 - Recorded and produced in Vancouver at Heavysonic Studios
 - Musical direction by Marc L'Espérance

MUSIC AWARDS

- 2019 Parent Recommended Award, Sing Song Sayings, Parent's Choice Foundation
- 2019 Semi-finalist, International Songwriters Competition

ART EXHIBITIONS

Solo

- 1988 *Dwellings*, Gallery 115, Ottawa, ON

Group

- 1996 *Small Packages*, Canadian Craft Museum, Vancouver, BC
- 1992 *The 8 x 10 Show*, Gallery 115, Ottawa, ON
- 1989 *Sans Serif*, Arts Court, Ottawa, ON
- 1985 *Gloucester Arts Society*, Ottawa, ON

ART AWARDS (SELECTED)

- 2015 AIME Award (various), Marketing Association for Credit Unions (MACU)
- 2014 AIME Award (various), MACU
- 2007 Campaign, Lotus Awards
- 2006 Design - Invitation, Applied Arts - Design and Advertising Annual
- 2003 Design - Event, Graphic Designers Society of Canada (GDC) - Victoria Chapter
- 2000 Design - Self Promotion, GDC - Victoria Chapter

Others including: Summit Creative Awards, INMA, Lurzers Archive, International Gallery of Superb Printing, VCC, University of Ottawa, Gloucester Arts Society.

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TEACHING / LEADERSHIP

- 2009 Workshop Leader: MACU Masters, Whistler, BC
- 1986-87 Camp Councillor - Gloucester Day Camps, Ottawa, ON

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2010 - 2017 Creative Director / Founding Partner, Dead Famous, Vancouver, BC
- 2005 - 2008 Associate Creative Director, Big House Communications, Vancouver, BC
- 2003 - 2004 Senior Art Director, Malahat Group / DDB, Victoria, BC
- 2001 - 2003 Senior Art Director, Copeland Communications, Victoria, BC
- 1997 - 2000 Associate Creative Director, Pattison Outdoor, Vancouver, BC
- 1996 - 1997 Interactive Designer, Munro Multimedia, Vancouver, BC
- 1991 - 1995 Visual Arts Store Manager, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and French.

IN THE MEDIA

- [Vancouver Courier Article - May 2019](#)
- [Georgia Straight Article - June 2019](#)
- [Vancouver Sun Article - June 2019](#)
- [Radio Canada - CBC - June 2019](#)
- [Jayminter - ON THE LIST - June 2019](#)