

## Biography of Steve Sutton, Bassist and Ukulele Performer

**STEVE SUTTON, (B.A., Dip. Mus.)** is a Vancouver Island based, Professional Bassist, Guitar Teacher, and Ukulele Player, who also performs in Vancouver, and much further afield.

**Steve was born and raised in Nanaimo B.C.,** and received his introduction to music in the School District 68 band program. Steve attended Malaspina University College's Music Program, (now **Vancouver Island University**) in Nanaimo, and received his teaching credentials. Even before his studies there were completed he was gaining a reputation as an accomplished bassist in the style of the late Ray Brown. He worked throughout his college years playing gigs in the mid-Vancouver Island area with Steve Jones, Barry Miller, Peder Long, Saboro Mcivor and Norm Porter.

**During the summer of 2003 he attended the Victoria Conservatory summer jazz** workshop where he studied with jazz greats Neil Swainson, Misha Piatogorsky and Don Thompson. Mr. Thompson remarked at this time "(Steve is) a great player, with an amazing amount of potential."

**Steve moved to Victoria in 2006** where he has continued his playing at venues such as the Superior Café, The Fort Street Café, the Spiral Café and Vista 18. He has played and jammed with many of Victoria's finest musicians including Mowbray and Mills, Noah Becker and Dana McLeod.

**In 2007 and 2008 Steve was a member of the [Anna Acevedo Lyman Latin Jazz Trio](#)** playing as the house band at Illios Restaurant in Nanaimo and at the Glo EuroPub in Victoria. He continues to be an essential part of this band.

**In the winter of 2009 Steve joined Brianne de Verteuil and her Savvy 6,** a 30's and 40's style band. The group has become regular at Hermann's Jazz Club in Victoria, and other well known hotspots such as Butchart Gardens, and Abkhazi Gardens.

**Steve started playing the ukulele in March of 2010, and is now teaching, after training with [Hawaiian Ukulele Master Kimo Hussey,](#) and at his encouragement.** Steve has been privileged to join Kimo onstage numerous occasions. Steve is also available to give workshops and clinics.

**Steve is the co-founder** of the [Nanaimo Ukulele Circle,](#) and is the Co-Producer of the [Nanaimo Aloha Ukulele Festival.](#) **In 2012, Steve,** as a member of the ["Jazzalele" Duo](#) won first prize at the Ruby's Ukes, Cover song Competition, at the Vancouver Ukulele Festival, and played at the festival.

**Steve continues to play bass and ukulele** in Victoria, across the island, Vancouver, and further afield, recently performing at the Winecountry Ukulele Festival in Napa, California. He also teaches guitar, bass and ukulele at Tom Lee Music in Victoria.

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