

# Ben Hammond (BMI)



LIVE-LOOPEd GROOVE-ORIENTED ACOUSTIC MUSIC

**Main Location:** Colorado

**Material:** Upbeat Originals and Reimagined Covers

**Genres:** Pop, Acoustic Rock, Beach, Soul, Folk, Funk, Jazz, Reggae, Singer-Songwriter, and more

**Member(s):** Predominantly a soloist (vocals, guitar, beatboxing, optional live-looping and upright bass). Duo, Trio and Band also available.

**Objective:** Seeking public and private performance opportunities, broadcast media exposure, and management/distribution possibilities.

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## **Bio:**

"Funky... guitar-looping, beat-boxing, soul-singing... powerhouse Ben Hammond" (Sarasota Herald Tribune) performs a wide range of groove-oriented acoustic music, original compositions and reimagined cover songs. Born in the foothills of the White Mountains, Ben's first musical endeavors outside rural New England took him north to McGill University where he received a degree in Music Technology and Jazz Voice, worked the city's live music circuit in several bands and appeared as a guest performer at the Montreal Jazz Festival. For the past decade, he has since made his living exclusively through music, relentlessly touring all four corners of the United States, Southeast Asia and New Zealand, combining his dual passions of travel and music.

While not on the road, Ben has been active in the studio, producing 3 full length albums (12,000 independently sold and counting), multiple music videos, and a live concert DVD "Solo at Stone Mountain Arts Center". Thousands of shows later at hundreds of venues, festivals and private events, Hammond has honed his smooth, energetic style and is one of the most sought after musicians in those places he's called home. He is wildly excited about his newly laid roots in the front range of Colorado, including an artist endorsement from Colorado Spring's Westone In Ear Monitors, and he relishes this chance to bring his engaging music to a whole new audience. As noted by the Portland Press Herald: "Hammond is a versatile musician who writes memorable originals, delivers when he decides to cover someone, and uses his guitar, voice and gadgets to create a sound that you want to keep hearing."

## **Awards:**

- 2011, 2010 "Noise Ordinance" 1 and 2 of Sarasota, FL Bands
- 2010 "Best of the Suncoast" Creative Loafing Readers Poll
- 2008 and 2009 Ossipee Valley Songwriter's Contest Finalist
- 2008 Finalist in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest.
- 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Solarfest Performing Songwriter's Competition
- 2008 Honorable Mention at West Coast Songwriters Competition

## **Recording Appearances:**

- "Gone (to California)" Music Video with John Patti '17
- Ben Hammond: "When You're Home" for The Journey '15, "Friction" '14, "Solo at Stone Mt" Live CD/DVD '11, "[Reasonably] Honest" '08 and "No History Sessions EP" '06
- Co-writer/co-Producer and Performer on Candie Tremblay EP '15, Mike Sales '12, Matt Gerhardt and Undertow '12.
- Guest Performer on Andres Colin "Universal Universe" '13, Renee Lee "Maple Groove" '04 – Justin Time Records
- Effusion A Cappella "Unrestrained" '06 and "Movin' Away" '02

## **Select Appearances:**

- Ongoing Residencies at Bridge St Bar in Vail, CO, Rayback Collective in Boulder, CO, Brik on York in Denver and many more
- Mar '17: JetBlue Park for Red Sox Spring Training in Ft Myers, FL
- Feb '17: LoneStar Luau Festival with John Patti in Marble Falls, TX
- Summer '16-'17: FAC Outdoor performances at Beaver Creek
- July '16: Margaritaville in Hollywood, FL with Nadirah Shakoor (singer for Jimmy Buffett, Arrested Development, Al Jarreau, Madonna)
- Spring '16: Performances in Bali, Laos, Vietnam, New Zealand
- Apr '15: National Anthem Soloist for the Baltimore Orioles
- Jan '15, May '10, Jun '08: Stone Mt Arts Center, Brownfield, ME
- Jan '10-'15 : Forks & Corks Festival, Ringling Museum, FL
- Jan '12: Opener Undertow for Ballyhoo! in Sarasota, FL
- Sept '11: Opener for Heather Masse (Frequent guest of Garrison Keillor / NPR's Prairie Home Companion) in Fryeburg, ME
- May '10: Live Performance on "207" NBC in Portland, ME
- July '06: Montreal International Jazz Festival w/ Joel Miller
- July '03: Festival 500 in St Johns, Nfld w/ Bobby McFerrin