

# *Francois K I E*

(aka Francois Quillet)

Pianist, Composer, Producer & Instructor

Los Angeles, Maui - Hawaii - Paris, Montpellier - France

- Coming back from a long family line of musicians, which dates back from Frederic Francois CHOPIN family.
- Started playing the piano at the age of 3 and took his first lesson at age of 5.
  - By the time he was 9 years old, he had performed his first public concert playing Boogie Woogie and Classical music and had developed what is known as the “Golden” left hand.
- Music Conservatory of Levallois-Perret (Mme Berger),
- At 11, Francois starts weekly rehearsals with Saxophonist Patrice Lescure, who taught him Jazz History and Bebop style.
- At 12 National Conservatory of Paris in Harmony with Janine Rueff (Winner Villa Medici, Price of Rome)
  - Then Schola Cantorum with Master Rollay Van Castle,
  - E.N.A. New School of Arts,
  - Orchestration Studies with Jean-Louis Florentz (Olivier Messiaen class),
  - Sorbonne Paris IV Musicology (Leothaud) –France
- Piano teacher & Music instructor (Ensemble Class, Improvisation, Computer) for 12 years at the “Institute of Music of Formation Professional” (IMFP) Nîmes & Salon-de-Provence and at the National Jazz School of Montpellier (JAM)-France.
  - 2006-23 Creation of the company “Universe Melody”
  - Creation of the “The 13th Note, Ki’eKi’e Music Publishing “
    - Author of “Kie’s Universal Catalog of Musical Scales”
    - Author of “Tools For Composer”:  
“Chords by Sliding Intervals”, “Staging a Note”, “PolygoShape Chords”
- 1975 Band “Les Années Folles” working with Louis Chedid
  - 1980 Musical Coach and Actor in the Movie “Sandy”  
Directed by Michel Nerval with Andrea Stevenson, Michel Galabru..
- 1981 “Irma La Douce” Musician Actor at the “Patachon” theater (Montmartre)
  - 1983 Winner French Song Contest (Gagny)
  - 1984 Opening Miles Davis (Nîmes Coliseum -France).
- 1986 Michel Drucker “Sacree Soirée” keyboard of “Gerard Gustin Orchestra” (with Nana Mouskouri , Michel Leeb, Annie Cordy)
- 1988-1993 Opening Betty Carter, Ahmad Jamal, Michel Petrucciani , Irakere

- 1989 Leader & Founder of the band “Colors & Light”
- 1993 Opening festival Radio-France in Montpellier with the “Laurie JAM Orchestra” featuring Ivan Jullien and Annick Tangora.
- Winner 1994 French TV M6 contest with video clip “Colors & Light”. (YouTube)
  - 1994 Opening Charlie Mc Coy, Country Festival of Mirandes France
  - 1996 Spring Festival of Nimes with “Colors & Light” (Neville Brothers, Eddy Louis, Herbie Hancock)
- Winner 1997 “European Country Music Festival” with Billy Ray, Hosted by Robert Conrad (James West ,TV Show Wild Wild West),
  - 1998 Musical arrangements “smooth Jazz” on Georges Brassens Songs and Concert “Georges Brassens” on the National Stage of Sète (France) featuring Fred Quarato.
- Winner 1998 “French Idol “ (Graine de Star) with Sarah “Lou” Drey hosted by Lara Fabian.
- 1999 Touring in France with the “Renegade Band” with Lorenzo Lamas and Branscombe Richmond.
  - 2004-08 Life Time of Music Achievement Award by IBC (International Biographical Center of Cambridge)
  - 2012 Creator of a New Hawaiian Style: “Bossa Nowaiian”
    - 2023-25 Release of the Album “Bossa Nowaiian”
  - 2023 Release of 2 Albums “Universe Melody” by Colors & Light

• Francois worked, recorded and performed with notable Artistes such as:

Dany Doris (Caveau de la Huchette), Bernard Maury (Bill Evans. Francis Paudras), Charles “Lolo” Belonzi (Martial Solal), Hal Singer (Duke Ellington Big Band), Lulu Dinapoli (Nana Mouskouri, Johnny Halliday), Phil Edwards, Gilles Choir (PowWow French Band), Alain “Doudou” Weiss (Johnny Halliday), Jacques Naud (Jerry Lee Lewis), Pierre Vassiliu, Cocoverde (Patrick Agulo), Maggnetick (Franck Nicolas), Provence Brass Band (dir. Michel Barrot), Richard Galliano (Claude Nougaro), Bob Addrizza (Francis Blanche, Commercials), Michel Bachevalier Group, Christine Flowers (Colors & Light), Alex Augé (band Regg’lyss) Michel Magne (Fantomas, Les Miserables, Un Singe En Hiver...), Didier Vasseur (Blackout) Ivan Jullien (A Man and A Woman), Eric Serra (James Bond), Shirley Bassey (Monaco), Michel Petrucciani (Studio Gimmick Paris), Dominique Dipiazza (John Mc Laughlin), Oscar Cartaya (Spyro Gyra), Mike Stern & Philippe Gaillot (Studio Recall – Pompignan) Soriba Kouyate, Paco Seri (Joe Zawinul Syndicate), Dom Famularo (Sabian)

Lorenzo Lamas (Tour Haribo France), Branscombe Richmond (Scorpion King) (Francois composed and produced the CD “Scorpion Dance King” featuring Branscombe Richmond & SWED)

Tim Kobza (USC Director Contemporary Music Department) & Linda Martinez (Time Warner), Daniel Lopresti and the Masses Band (Los Angeles) Ross Hogarth (Grammy Award, Ziggy Marley), Big Al Downing (Nashville), Joe Porcaro (France Tour & MGM Studios), Randy Kerber (MGM Studios), Mike Porcaro (TOTO), Sean Lennon & Harper Simon (Mark Needham-Capitol Records, LA), Laurence Juber (Paul McCartney & The Wings), Mick Fleetwood.

- Francois Moved to Maui (Hawaii) in December 2009  
Mentored by Emma Veary (Golden Voice of Hawaii)  
and Robyn Kneubuhl (Hula Honeys),  
Francois has immersed himself in the Hawaiian music and culture.

- Music Director of “Comedy Hui” at McCoy Theater.
- Piano & Music instructor at Bounty Music (Kahului, Maui).

- Francois records, performs, and works on Maui with :  
(Nā Hōkū) Josh Tatofi, Ekolu, Derek W.K. Bal (Nevah Too Late),  
Darren Lee “Burn’n Love” (Lahaina Theater),  
“Crush Pups”, “Chala” (Benjamin Cerda), Mick Fleetwood,  
(Nā Hōkū) Michael Casil (Studio IVP, Sound Engineer/Drummer/Vocalist)  
(Grammy Awards) Amy Hanaiali’I Gilliom, (World Grammy Awards) Kalani Pe’a.

- Francois performed 8 years at the Four Seasons (Wailea),  
5 years at the Hideaway (Kahului),  
Since 2015 at the restaurant “Kula Lodge” (“5 Palms Kula Lodge since 2022”)  
To enjoy a “Panoramic Lunch and Sunset Dinner Music Experience”.

CDs available on performance site and for your listening pleasure:  
Google or YouTube “Francois Kie Topic or Francois Quillet Topic”

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