

# Stich Wynston

**Drummer – Composer – Arranger – Improviser – Demon**

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## Professional Summary

1980 – present: Professional freelance musician (drum kit, percussion) & international performing and/or recording artist for renowned performers in jazz, classical, pop, avant-garde, rock, blues, folk, funk, soul, RnB, calypso, reggae, swing & world music genres.

## Teaching Experience

2004 – present Workshops/Clinics at music festivals, public schools, high schools, universities and music and cultural institutions all over the world with the Shuffle Demons

## Education

### Formal Training

1981 – 1985 York University Toronto, ON  
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Majoring in Music

1982 – 1984 Banff School of Fine Arts Banff, AB - Summer Jazz Music Program Diploma  
1978 / 1979 Jamey Aebersold Summer Jazz Clinics DeKalb, IL  
1978 Ontario College of Percussion Toronto, ON - Drumming Studies Diploma

### Private Study

2006 – 2007 Drum lessons with Sean Rickman, Tacoma Park, MD  
1978 – 1988 Drum lessons with Jim Blackley, Toronto, ON  
1980 – 1985 Piano lessons with Brian Rudolph, Toronto, ON

## Professional Associations

- Co-founding member & co-leader of iconic music group the **Shuffle Demons**
- Leader of ground-breaking creative improvisation ensemble **Modern Surfaces**
- **Has performed, recorded or toured with:**

### Jazz:

Paul Bley, Keith Tippett, Julius Hemphill, Charles Gayle, Jon Ballantyne, Phil Dwyer, George McFetridge, Mike Murley, Perry White, Richard Underhill, Seamus Blake, Ernie Watts, Bob Mover, Geoff Young, Lorne Lofsky, Ted Quinlan, Reg Schwager, Roy Patterson, Bill Smith, Jean Derome, Holly Cole, Molly Johnson, The Shuffle Demons, Brownman Ali, Andrew Downing, Kelly Lee Evans, Jane Bunnett

### Commercial:

Jane Siberry, Tom Cochrane, Alex Lifeson, Big Sugar, Bare Naked Ladies, The Sidemen, Mendelson Joe, Hubert Sumlin, Bob Baldori, Jeff Healy, Cadillac Blues Band, Hart House Singers, Lawrence Gowan, Jeff Healy, Dr. Pop & The Noise, Arlene Duncan

### World Music:

Rick Lazar, Masacote, Kobo Town, Brownman & Cruzao, Reimundo Sosa, Luisito Orbegoso, Abolengo, Digging Roots, Creolemetics

# Discography

- Crazy Time – **Shuffle Demons** – Stubby Records, 2020
- Clusterfunk – **Shuffle Demons** – Linus Entertainment, 2012
- We Are – **Digging Roots** – Jerico Beach, 2010
- Transparent Horizons – **Stich Wynston's Modern Surfaces** – TCB Music, 2004
- Greatest Hits – **Shuffle Demons** – Stubby Records, 2004
- Stich Wynston's Modern Surfaces (with Special guest Paul Bley) –  
**Stich Wynston's Modern Surfaces** – Buzz Records, 1999
- Dr. Pop & the Noise – **Dr. Pop & the Noise** – Nu Jazz Records, 1999
- Swing Hard, Speak Easy - **Alligator Pie** – Nu Jazz Records, 1998
- Abolengo – **Abolengo** – Comino Records, 1997
- Dear M.F. – **Big Sugar** – Hypnotic/A&M, 1995
- Extra Crispy – **Shuffle Demons** – Stubby Records, 1993
- Alive in Europe – **Shuffle Demons** – Stubby Records, 1992
- What Do You Want – **Shuffle Demons** – Stony Plain/Wea, 1990
- Bound By The Beauty – **Jane Siberry** – Warner Brothers, 1989
- Ossidil's Topic – **Rob Frayne** – Sightline, 1989
- Dump The Deal – **100% CANCON** – Stubby Records, 1988
- Bop Rap – **Shuffle Demons** – Stony Plain/Wea, 1988
- Born To Cuddle – **Mendelson Joe** – Anthem, 1987
- Beyond Benghazi – **Paul Cram Large Band** – Apparition, 1987
- Dogboy – **Vektor** – Stubby Records, 1987
- Streetniks – **Shuffle Demons** – Stubby Records, 1986
- Live in Toronto – **Bill Smith Ensemble** – Onari, 1986
- Live at the Cabana Room – **Shuffle Demons** – Stubby Records, 1985

# Concerts Of Note

## Shuffle Demons

MASA/Abidjan Arts Market - Abijan, Ivory Coast - March 2020  
Guyana 50th Jubilee - National Cultural Centre - Georgetown, Guyana - Feb 2020  
Bequia Music Festival - Bequia, St. Vincent - February 2020  
Naniki Music Festival - Naniki, Barbados - January 2020  
Jazz Circuit India - Goa, India - November 2019  
Zacatecas Jazz Festival - Zacatecas, Mexico - August 2019  
Festival Internacional Jazz Plaza, Cuba - Havana, Cuba - January 2019  
Wangaratta Jazz Festival - Wangaratta, Australia - November 2018  
Queenstown Jazz Festival - Queenstown, New Zealand - October 2018  
Nelson Arts Festival - Nelson, New Zealand – October 2018  
Leeds Jazz Festival – Leeds, U.K. - July 2018  
Nicaragua International Jazz Festival - Managua, Nicaragua - March 2018  
Ecuador International Jazz Festival - Quito, Ecuador - February 2018  
Panama International Jazz Festival - Panama City, Panama - January 2018  
Jazz al Parque Festival - Bogota, Colombia - September 2017  
Jazz e Vinho Festival - São Paulo, Brazil - August 2017  
Guatemala International Jazz Festival - Guatemala City, Guatemala - March 2017  
El Salvador Jazz Festival - San Salvador, El Salvador - February 2017  
Boquete Jazz and Blues Festival - Boquete, Panama - February 2017  
OCTLOFT Jazz Festival - Shenzhen, China - October 2016  
Yokohama Jazz Promenade - Yokohama, Japan - October 2016  
Bangkok International Festival of Dance and Music - Bangkok, Thailand - October 2016  
Festival Internacional de Vinho e Jazz - Curitiba, Brazil - July 2016  
Iridium - New York City, NY USA - January 2015  
Conga Square Jazz Festival - Kolkata, India - November 2014  
Goa International Jazz Festival - Goa, India - November 2014  
Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival - Oranjestad, Aruba - October 2014  
Görlitz Jazz Festival, Görlitz, Germany - May 2014

Tauranga Arts Festival - Tauranga, New Zealand - October 2013  
Jazz in the Vines Festival - Hunter Valley, Australia - October 2013  
JazzAhead - Kulturzentrum Schlachthof - Bremen, Germany - April 2013  
Yokohama Jazz Promenade - Kennai Hall - Yokohama, Japan - October 2011  
Taranaki International Arts Festival - New Plymouth, New Zealand - August 2011  
Ships and Dip 4 - Caribbean Cruise hosted by The Barenaked Ladies - February 2011

**Charles Gayle** (feat. George Koller and Stich Wynston)  
Toronto, ON Canada - June 2018

**Stich Wynston's Modern Surfaces**  
Japanese tour - Oct, 2000  
European tour - Nov / Dec, 1999

**Dominic Duval** (Cecil Taylor's bassist) feat. Glen Hall and Stich Wynston  
Toronto, ON Canada - June 1997

**Big Sugar**  
Music Festivals in Europe and North America in 1994 and 1995

**Jane Siberry**  
Tour of England - fall, 1989

**Paul Cram Nonet**  
CD Release Party, Clintons, Toronto, 1986 (concert w/ featured guest artist Julius Hemphill)

**Phil Dwyer All Star Quartet** (feat. Jon Ballantyne, Jim Vivian, Stich Wynston)  
Pacific Rim Festival, 1986

## Honours and Awards

### GOLD RIAA MUSIC RECORDING CERTIFICATION

- The Shuffle Demons recorded arrangement of the Hockey Night in Canada theme song appears on the best selling album "CONTACT! The All-Star Collection" -- which received Gold Record certification

### Q107 ROCK AWARDS:

- Big Sugar nominated for Best Blues Group 1995

### TORONTO MUSIC AWARDS:

- Best Toronto Jazz Group - Shuffle Demons 1989
- Best Toronto Jazz Group - Shuffle Demons 1988

### CASBY AWARDS:

- Best New Group - Big Sugar (nomination) 1995
- Favourite Jazz Recording - Shuffle Demons - 'What Do You Want' 1990
- Best Jazz Recording - Shuffle Demons - 'Bop Rap' 1989
- Best Independent Video - Shuffle Demons - 'Out Of My House Roach' 1988
- Best Independent Artist - Shuffle Demons 1988
- Best Jazz Recording - Shuffle Demons-'Streetniks' 1987

### JUNO AWARDS:

- Digging Roots, Juno winner for Indigenous Music Album of the year 'We Are', 2010
- Paul Cram Large Band nominated for Best Jazz Recording of the year 'Beyond Benghazi', 1988
- Shuffle Demons nominated for Best Jazz Recording of the year 'Streetniks', 1987