

Mike 3rd

Biography

Mike 3rd is a Venetian based European musician and record producer.

Versatile and inspired, he began playing guitar with local teachers but soon after two years, he attended the *Thelonious Jazz School* in Vicenza (Italy) and studied with teacher *Michele Calgaro* and later on with vocal coach *Cheryl Porter*.

Mike's first band was **Hypnoise**, an experimental project that began in 1996. Mike brought to life two studio albums and a charity single with them.

In 1998, **Mike 3rd** and Hypnoise hired internationally renowned record producer **Ronan Chris Murphy** to produce their first album, "**Opium,**" and brought in *King Crimson's* Warr Guitarist *Trey Gunn* to perform on the album. Mike's collaboration with Murphy continued and, a few years later, Murphy produced their next album "**St.Valentine's Porno Bar**" featuring singer **Cheryl Porter**; the album was presented in London and Los Angeles under Murphy's independent label *Veneto West Records* and distributed worldwide thanks to DGM / Inner Knot.

As mentioned, thanks to art director *Michele Gervasuti*, "**St. Valentine's Porno Bar**" was presented on February 14th, 2006 in London's famous *Blacks Club*.

In the meantime Mike 3rd participated in two *45-hour nonstop jam sessions*, where he played with great musicians such as *Tony Levin* and *Pat Mastelotto*. One year later he was invited in Phoenix to join another "*Supersession of 33 hours and 1/3*" where he played again with *Pat Mastelotto*, *Wilie Oteri*, *Skinny Bishop* and many other great musicians.

In 2008, Mike 3rd followed the advice of his friend *Jane Geerts*, who is also *Brian Eno's* business manager, and began his career as a record producer.

From that point on there was no return. Mike produced an album by Italian progressive band *Altare Thotemico* who was nominated with the album best debut at *Italian Prog Awards*.

In 2009 Mike 3rd created a new band, EXKGB, with drummer *Alberto Stocco* ([Web Site](#)) and Stickman *Emanuele Cirani*.



Also at this time he began a charity campaign to help *Greenpeace* and the *Italian Association for Cancer Research* ... the idea was to help research with independent music sold online.

With a solo song featuring *Cheryl Porter* on vocals and the bands *Hypnoise* and *EXKGB* he brought to life three singles: “*A little poem for the Sea*”, an acoustic ballad featuring Ms. Porter on vocals, “*In The Twilight*” from **Hypnoise**, as well as the debut of the brand new **EXKGB** group with the song “*Dangerous Toys*”. All three singles were produced by Mike’s favorite (favourite is the UK spelling) record producer, *Ronan Chris Murphy*.

At the end of 2010, after touring Italy with *EXKGB*, Mike’s collaboration with *Alberto Stocco* brought to life **Tunatones**, a fresh rockabilly trio with *Alessandro Arcuri* on upright bass. *Alessandro Arcuri* had also been a member of the last *Hypnoise* line up.

In 2011 Mike launched the second and last edition of the charity campaign with two brand new songs, “*Brightness Comes*” by *EXKGB* and “*Fifteen Days*”, A sensual soul rock song released on iTunes by Mike 3rd featuring *Alberto Stocco*.

In 2012 the “volcanic” musician and record producer creates a non-profit cultural association in the name of his great-grandfather, *Tenor Pietro Prosdocimi*, **Prosdocimi Music Academy**. Both the Academy and **Prosdocimi Records** are a music school and promotion record label created to help young talent and young bands looking for exposure.

In the meantime, the work with the bands *Tunatones* and *EXKGB* keeps goin’ on in fact, in the first days of 2013, the artists record their soon to be released new album.

After the success of the first debut album “*iTunas*“, **Tunatones** are going to present their second studio release titled “*Vulcano*”. After almost two years **EXKGB** finally brought to life their second studio album titled “*False Hope Corporation*“, produced by *Ronan Chris Murphy*, which will be released in 2013.

In 2014 Mike 3rd releases his brand new three drummers solo album feat. **Pat Mastelotto**, **Alberto Stocco** and **Benny Greb**.

The album out October 2014 also feat. *Cirque du Soleil* trumpeter **Scott Steen**, Soprano **Roberta Canzian** and many other great musicians including a string quartet from **Solisti Veneti**.

Stay Tuned!