



# Alex Otey

Pianist, Singer/Songwriter

Entertainer, Trumpeter

**Styles**

Jazz and Pop Standards

Solo & Bands

Audio/Video

Producer & Engineer

**Artist Management by**



# Biography

## Alex Otey

Alex Otey is an award-winning pianist, singer, trumpeter and composer/arranger who has performed with a number of prominent jazz musicians, and recorded with Grover Washington Jr and Richie Cole. Otey arranged, performed on, and produced a [GRAMMY® Nominated](#) album and is included as a participant artist on a second nominated project, as well as on a [GRAMMY® Winning](#) collaboration. His scope of performances also extends regularly to the Philadelphia area with countless private parties along the Main Line, as well as at public forums such as the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, World Café Live, and Harrah's Casino. He was honored to have performed at the [White House Egg Roll](#) event in 2010 with [Miss Amy](#), and has appeared at Bethlehem Musikfest and other festivals along the east coast, as well as at Lincoln Center in New York City. Otey also received a master's in Music Business from Berklee College of Music.

In addition, Otey hosts [The Trenton Jazz Show](#) aired though [WWFM JazzOn2 89.1 HD2](#).

Otey began his musical career with classical training of trumpet and percussion, starting lessons at age 7 and adding piano and singing to his skill set as a teenager. Influenced by music of the 70's and performers such as Billy Joel and Elton John, Otey began performing "piano man" style entertaining while in high school. Other influences such as Harry Connick Jr. and the swing era have shaped Otey's style to range from Sinatra ballads and jazz standards though Beatles, Van Morrison and Sting hits.

Otey's father, concert pianist and Curtis scholarship recipient [Orlando Otey](#), was Executive Director of the Wilmington Music School during the youngster's upbringing providing him an early formal musical education. Appearing with the Wilmington Symphony as an early teenager along with competing in music competitions including Tri-County, Otey continued to study trumpet with Seymour Rosenfeld of the Philadelphia Orchestra until the age of 18.

Otey has performed with Lew Soloff, Sonny Stitt, played lead trumpet with Richie Cole, and recorded with Grover Washington Jr. on the [Skylarking](#) album. Currently, Otey performs as a solo act, as well as with some West Trenton based groups including [Off The Map With Miss Amy](#), an Americana Rock band that Otey formed, and with [Miss Amy & Her Big Kids Band](#) that has performed at the [White House Egg Roll Event 2010](#), [Bethlehem Musikfest](#), the [NERFA Showcase](#), [World Cafe](#) and several other family oriented locations.

Otey has engineered and/or produced notable recordings such as [A Gift To Be Free](#), and GRAMMY® entered [Underwater](#), [Wide Wide World](#), [I Wanna Know How It Works!](#), [The Chopin of Mexico Plays Chopin 1&2](#), [Tenochtitlán 1325](#), [Angels Riding Shotgun](#), [Angel Blessings \(Benefiting Hospice\)](#), and GRAMMY® Nominated [Fitness Rock & Roll](#).



Alex Otey performs solo piano at many locations around central NJ

# Reviews

Alex Otey

**"Alex is always a treat to work with - great personality, professional, reliable, entertaining, and a great musician!"** – Bob Egan, pianist and owner of Bob Egan Entertainment, New Hope PA

**"One of the most talented musicians I know!"** – Richie Cole, jazz sax bebop artist, formerly lead sax with Buddy Rich, Lionel Hampton and Doc Severinsen, and owner of the Alto Madness Orchestra

**"Some great recordings, congratulations!"** – John Harris, Grammy and Emmy award winning engineer, partner with Music Mix Mobil, Frenchtown, NJ

**"The guy can wail on trumpet!"** – Larry Di Salvi, singer and recording artist, formerly with The Duprees , The Five Satins and The Crests

**"I listened to your CDs and I think they are wonderful! The musical arrangements and the instrumentation are both marvelous."** - Jackie Silberg, author, singer/songwriter, TV personality and Early Childhood consultant, Kansas City, KS



Playing trumpet at Herb Alpert's  
Vibrato Grill Jazz Club in Bel Air  
2015



Playing Trumpet at Bruno Walter  
Auditorium at Lincoln Center  
2021



Alex Otey playing trumpet and singing with Richie Cole's Alto Madness Orchestra  
Trenton NJ 2015





Regarding Otey's latest single release **WHEN I SEE YOUR FACE:**

**"Jerry Lee Lewis meets Randy Newman!"** - Bob Egan Entertainment

**"You are such a cool piano player. Thank you for an encouraging song!"**

- Anne Leighton: Media \* Music Services



*On the Staples Center Grammy Red Carpet with Miss Amy & Her Big Kids Band 2012*



*Performing Brazilian music with Mari Nobri 2016*



*Performing at the White House Egg Roll with Miss Amy & Her Big Kids Band 2010*



*Performing with the Blue Meanies Beatles Tribute Band at Mercer County Park Stage 2016*



## Discography

Signs - CD Release 2020

Love Matters Now – CD Release 2017 (Won "Best Jazz Album", Sept 2017 Akademia Award)

When I See Your Face – Single Track Release 2016

Angels Riding Shotgun – CD Release 2014

Tenochtitlán 1325 – CD Release 2013

Fitness Rock & Roll – CD Release 2009, Grammy Nominated

The Chopin of Mexico Plays Chopin 1&2 – CD Release 2007/2008

I Wanna Know How It Works! – CD Release 2007

My Precious One - CD Release 2006

Wide Wide World - CD Release 2005

Underwater - CD Release 2004

International Baby 101 – DVD, 2004 NAPPA Gold Award, 2005 Creative Child Excellence Award

# Set List

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Otey performs numerous standards along with originals. Music performed by Billy Joel, Elton John, Sinatra, Van Morrison, Sting, Michael Jackson, Dr. John and many others, as well as songs from the 1940's to present are part of his repertoire. Having provided music for weddings and special events a customized program can be requested.

Otey performs Solo, as a Duo, Trio, Quartet and Quintet regularly and has organized live music for several types of events, including the sound system setup.

## Trio Instrumentation

Alex Otey - vocal, keyboard and trumpet  
Chris Clark - Bass  
Kevin Kuchinsky - percussion



*Alex Otey Trio*

## Quintet Instrumentation

Alex Otey - vocals, keyboard and trumpet  
Amy Otey - female vocal  
Chris Clark - Bass  
Kevin Kuchinsky - guitar  
Darrell Soltesz - percussion



*Alex Otey Quintet*

## Basic Requirements

As a solo performer, Alex Otey's requirements are: a PA, piano and vocal mic – these can be supplied if not provided by the venue

For Quintet shows: Stage Size Minimum- 15' x 20'

Band will provide the following, unless otherwise arranged:

Microphones - 2 vocal mics Drums mic'd (2-3) depending on size of venue

Amps - 1 guitars, 1 bass, 1 keyboard (usually mic'd)

Monitors, PA and mixing board w/ sound technician to be provide by venue for larger engagements, unless otherwise arranged.





# Contact Information

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*Former WXPB Philadelphia Morning Show  
host Michaela Majoun 2012*



*Playing Piano at Bruno Walter  
Auditorium at Lincoln Center 2021*



*With Mose Allison 2007*



*With Harry Connick Jr. 2007*

**"You remind me of Mose Allison and Harry Connick Jr.!"**  
- Bruce Lowe at King George Inn, Bristol PA