

SKYKO TAVIS

Composing, engineering and producing music became a passion of Skyko's at an early age. His first experience in a multitrack studio was when he was twelve. He soon owned one of the first commercially available Fostex 4 track recorders by age thirteen.

Skyko was born into a musical family. His father, a music professor and opera baritone for Pennsylvania's Civic Light Opera, immersed young Skyko in classical music. He was the youngest violinist ever accepted into the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (at age 12) and studied privately at Duquesne University with Alan Grishman of the New England String Quartet.

Finding classical music constraining to progress as a contemporary artist, Sky picked up the guitar, keyboard, drums, singing and songwriting. He then headed West to Los Angeles where he performed and recorded in original rock bands throughout the 80's and 90's - at one point becoming an audio engineer at the legendary Cherokee Recording Studios in Hollywood, CA.

1991 was a break out year for Sky when "Entertainment Tonight" filmed a day in the life vignette, interviewing and featuring him playing the violin at his home in Hollywood. Earlier that same year he co-wrote with Tina Turner bandleader Lenny Macaluso for the original musical "Night Dreams" at the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas. Sky returned to Vegas 1997 writing the music for and performing in the club-styled musical "V" at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

With the advent of digital recording, Sky was able to open his own studio in 1991, being one of the first in LA to embrace digital ADAT technology. A few years later he completely reassembled his studio utilizing a non-linear DAW with which he works today.

While working on a stage production in London's West End, Skyko discovered the new sounds of Trance and House music. He immediately began writing and releasing original music on labels such as Moonshine, Strictly Rhythm and his own label Six Sense Records.

Electronic music lured him to Tokyo, Japan where he lived, produced music and DJ'd for three years.

In 2007 Skyko organized, sponsored and performed in a holiday charity performance for the San Gabriel Children's Center in Covina, CA. This current project he hopes to be an ongoing, annual event.

Skyko prides himself as an organized, centered, businessman capable of multitasking and keeping precise deadlines. His publishing company Electrodyne Music is home to the ever expanding library of music he has created, including the music for the award winning "Mighty Machine" series of children's instructional videos as well as numerous contributions to film and television.

Skylab Sound Recording in Woodland hills, CA is where Skyko works his magic. He reminds us of his perspective, "My recording studio is like a playground that I get to visit every day, creating the soundtrack to other worlds and lands far away is the most rewarding gift that I've ever had the pleasure of receiving".

Combining his classical training, orchestral scoring, cutting edge electronic grooves and rock sensibilities into a hybrid sound that is uniquely his, it is clear that Skyko is not only one of the most technologically advanced composers of the present, but also one who loves what he's doing more than anything in the universe.