

Jack Birchwood Biography

Jack Birchwood was born in Birmingham, UK on 28th May 1986. He started to play the cornet when he was 7 years old, and started playing in the local music service brass bands, orchestras, concert bands, and jazz orchestras when he got into junior school.

Once in secondary school he started focusing on his trumpet playing, primarily in the youth orchestras and jazz orchestras. However, his love of jazz found him self veering towards that style of playing and started to get involved in numerous jazz orchestras around Birmingham, namely the Walsall Jazz Orchestra plus the award winning Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra under director John Ruddick and the Fat Chops! Big Band. It was around this time that he won the Radio 2 Big Band Competition Most Promising Musician award for 2004.

Jack then went on to study at Trinity College of Music in Greenwich, London from September 2004 onwards, which led him to get involved in the London music scene, and play with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, Bobby Lamb Big Band, Hot Orange Big Band and more. At Trinity, Jack studied under Steve Waterman, Bob Farley, Roger Argente, plus many others.

Since then Jack has got involved in horn section work, primarily being on 2 world tours with pop artist Lily Allen (which includes many of the worlds top festivals, arenas, tv shows and venues), recording sessions and gigs for gospel and other pop artists, function bands, orchestras, and arranging for horn sections.