

# Jonah David

Press Biography

## Profile

**Age:** 27

**Marital Status:** Married

**Travel Availability:** Free to travel

**Physical Description:** I'm 5' 10-1/2", I'm 160 lbs and in good shape. I have brown hair which I dye, and brown eyes. I have no problems wearing anything from suits to costumes for a show.

**Reading Ability:** I am a strong sight reader, and have experience reading charts for big bands and popular music.

**Additional instruments:** Piano (which I only use for writing and arranging) and voice.

**Equipment:** I generally play on a small 4-piece drumset with 2 to 5 cymbals, depending on the gig.

**Education:** I am at the tail end of completing my degree in Jazz Performance at Mason Gross School of Performing Arts, the music conservatory at Rutgers University. I have also completed the 10-week intermediate and the 6-week advanced course at Drummers' Collective Institute.

## Performance Résumé

### Funk / Breaks / Acid Jazz

Brooklyn Funk Essentials — Shanichie recording artists.

Butta — Rock Steady Crew Anniversary band.

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Fat Caps and Shell Toes — breakdance showcase in NJ.

### Rock / Goth / Metal

Braindance — visit <http://www.progressivedarkwave.com/>

### Hip-Hop

Obsession and Doble Filo

Two of Cuba's premier hip-hop groups. I have performed with them both times that they have come to the US, the last time at the Apollo Theatre for a fundraiser in conjunction with the Hip-Hop Theatre Festival.

All That — jazz, hip-hop, poetry open mic.

Words — hip-hop and poetry showcase and open mic.

I have been doing these two shows for over 5 years in NY and colleges all over the country. As a result I have performed with a countless number of MCs and poets throughout the tri-state area.

Wordsworth — writer for MTV's Lyricist Lounge and super dope freestylist.

Supernatural — world-famous old-school freestylist, known for his battles with the Juice Crew, Craig G, and countless others.

Talib Kweli — Rawkus Records recording artist.

Scratch — from the Grammy Award-winning band The Roots.  
DJ Evil Dee and Jean Grae — Hot 97 radio DJ and Babygrande recording artist.  
Verse 4 Verse — a hip-hop poetry open mic in NJ.

### **Gospel**

Joshua Nelson — world renown gospel and spiritual singer who has performed with Dizzy Gillespie, Cab Calloway, Aretha Franklin, and many others.

### **Reggae / Ska**

King Django — originally the creator of Skinner Box and the Stubborn All-Stars. King Django Roots and Culture is a blend of Ska and Reggae influenced by traditional Jewish music. (Hepcat Records, Stubborn Records, Version City Studios)  
Mattisyahu — Hassidic Reggae singer  
No Discipline — visit <http://www.retrieverecords.com/>  
Tropical Groove and Exodus Supreme

### **Pop / R&B**

Joan Amedilla — Broadway superstar of *Les Miserables* and *Miss Saigon*.  
De Sol — Spanish rock group now on Curb Records, a subdivision of WB.  
Terel Carr  
Brave New Girl  
Mathew Cheplic  
Rha Goddess

### **African**

KoKoLo — New York Afrobeat  
Dominic Kanza — Paul Simon's guitarist for 5 years  
African Blue Note

### **Brazilian**

Gustavo Saiani  
Sambanditos and Amarilla y Verde — Two samba schools.

### **Jazz**

Bruce Williams — winner of the Charlie Parker award.  
Weldon Irvine — producer of Mos Def, A Tribe Called Quest, Nina Simone and many others.  
Ettienne Stadjweick — pianist of Richard Bona, Harry Belafonte, Luis Bonifa, Kenny Garrett, and many others.  
Rodam Schwartz  
Jay Collins  
Fabio Morgeria — from Groove Collective  
James Gibbs III — trumpeter of Herbie Hancock, Betty Carter and Sonny Rollins.  
Rory Stuart  
Harvie Schwartz

## Recording Credits

Joshua Nelson,  *Holding My Savior's Hand* , 1997

Brave New Girl,  *Bng* , 1997

Butta,  *Okwa Wa Sae* , 2000

King Django,  *Career Opportunities* , 2001

Joshua Nelson,  *Observant Jew* , 2003

Mattisyahu,  *Arise* , 2003