

Mark Lockett is a talented performer, composer and educator who has played with some of the finest jazz musicians on the Australasian scene today. He has performed, recorded and toured internationally with his own ensembles, The Mark Lockett Trio, Mark Lockett Quartet, Mark Lockett Quintet and Mark Lockett and Friends. Regular band members include Julien Wilson, Dave Rex, Paul Van Ross, Mark Fitzgibbon, Philip Rex, Alex Boneham, Mark Elton, and Tom Lee. Special guest artists have included Michelle Nicole (Australian Jazz Vocalist of the Year 2001, 2003 and 2004), Alison Wedding, Tim Hopkins (winner of Australian Jazz Award 1993), Roger Manins (Australian Jazz award winner 2002), Joe Chindamo and Jamie Oehlers (winner of the 2003 Montreux Jazz festival saxophone competition).

In 2004 Mark released his debut CD "About Time" on Move Records. This CD features special arrangements by Jordan Murray and Eugene Ball. Musicians include Jamie Oehlers (Tenor Saxophone), Jordan Murray (Trombone), Paul Van Ross (Soprano and Tenor Saxophone), Mark Fitzgibbon (Piano), Nick Haywood (Bass), Mark Lockett (Drums) and special guest Alison Wedding (Vocals, NY).

Early 2005 Mark released a joint project with saxophonist and long-term musical collaborator Paul Van Ross. Released under the New Market label the CD "Mark Lockett, Paul Van Ross live at Spleen" included highlights from a series of regular gigs from their residency at Spleen Bar in Melbourne. The album featured guest performances from Luke Howard (Piano) and Daniel Gassin (Fender Rhodes).

'Now and Then' was released on Move Records in 2009 with musicians Paul Van Ross (Saxophone), Mark Fitzgibbon (Piano), Shannon Barnett (Trombone), Desmond White (Bass), and Mark Lockett (Drums). The CD included special arrangements of tunes by Ornette Coleman and Thelonious Monk and two original tunes by Mark.

'Sneaking Out After Midnight' was released on Rattle Records in 2012. The CD includes original compositions by Mark and features NY heavy weights Joel Frahm (Saxophone) and Orlando Le Fleming (Bass). The CD was recorded at Acoustic Recording which, is known for recording famous jazz artist such as Dave Holland, Kenny Werner, Ron Carter, Paul Motion, Jack De Johnette, Sam Yahel and Uri Caine to name a few.

Mark graduated from Massey University in 2001 with a Bachelor degree in Jazz performance. He has studied with world-renowned international performers Joe Morello, Ari Hoenig, John Riley, Henry Cole, Jim Black, Graham Morgan, Andrew Gander, Felix Bloxsom, Ben Vanderwal and Roger Sellers. Mark is also the author of the "Drum Recipe".

Born in Wellington (New Zealand), Mark now resides in New York.