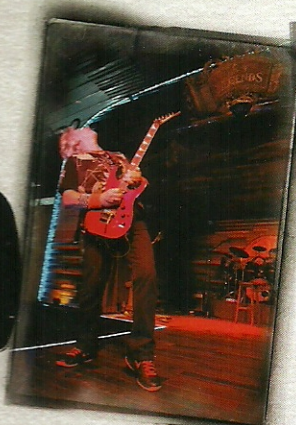


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Also a lot of modern music is not music at all, it's just computer programming. I still love the most basic four-piece rock band styles. A guitar, bass, and drums with vocals. My favourite band is and always has been

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I have been visiting Thailand for almost ten years and living here for over five years. I moved to Phuket because I realized that opportunities for pro musicians in Australia were rapidly decreasing while opportunities for performing, teaching, and recording music on a professional level in Thailand were actually increasing. It just made sense to move to where I was far more content and continue my career as a pro musician.



I was a professional musician, and manager of a large musical instrument retail store in Australia. Touring the world performing music and living out of hotels and airports sounds exciting, but was becoming a grind and increasingly difficult as I got older. I have been fortunate enough to write and record many CDs and even an LP record of my own songs, many of which have made the charts but these days I am happy to play music by other people but I never cover or copy a song, I always do an "Illy" version of it so it's my own take on any song.

As much as I have tried to embrace any forms of recently released music, I keep listening to 1970s and 80's classic rock as nothing much new or exciting has come out for many years. It is just rehashed old stuff with a bright and shiny new name that the latest generation thinks is new and cutting edge.



When younger people say that the music we play is

DINOSAUR

I take it as a compliment as there seems to be a very large audience including many in the younger generations who still enjoy dinosaur music, and unlike our prehistoric ancestors, this music will never die. It will be as famous in the future as Beethoven and Mozart are today, centuries after it was first written. Rap, DJ looping /sampling, computer programmed techno, and Boybands will just become a footnote in history.