



WARREN DALY

Class of 1959

Warren Daly (1956-1959) became a drummer bandleader in earliest Rock'n'roll bands in Australia (Ramblers, Steeds) and then on to jazz, big bands, and television orchestras (1961 - 1967). He formed the Day-Wilson Big Band in 1969, the only big band in Australia's history to gain international recognition by peers and public alike. The band toured to sold out venues in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, USSR, Latvia, Lithuania, Indonesia, and USA and gained two gold records, two Mo Awards, eight national and international TV specials.

Warren toured with Frank Sinatra by request in 1974 and was the first Australia jazz musician to feature in Leonards Feather's Encyclopedia of Jazz in the 70s. he was also the first Australian drummer in Zildjian Cymbals Ha of Face. His original compositions and arrangements were performed worldwide by the Commandant's Own US Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, Royal Marine Corps Band and Swiss Army Central Band.

Warren has been acclaimed amongst the best big band drummers in the world (Leonard feather LA Times) and was awarded an honorary life membership to Percussion Society Australia in 1980 and the Order of Australia Medal in 1991 for services to music as bandleader and drummer.