

Mark Walton

New Zealand born Mark Walton is a highly respected and popular figure in the Australian and New Zealand musical scene and widely acknowledged as a virtuoso clarinet and saxophone performer, inspiring teacher and appealing composer.

For many years Mark held the position of Chair of Woodwind and then Chair of Performance at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music but now shares his time between New Zealand and Australia. Mark has performed in many parts of the world, recorded numerous solo albums, composed a large number of works many of which have been performed far and wide.

Mark has written a number of books including **How Did That Happen?** a very engaging account of his own rather unorthodox musical journey. The proceeds from the sale of these books go to the earthquake devastated Christchurch School of Music.

Mark was awarded the Order of Australia medal in 2005 for his contribution to Music Education in Australia.