

Andy Treacy

b 1969, Nantwich. Drums.

Mesmerised by drummer as a child. Learned in shed. Moved to Manchester and did 2 gigs a night, gigs in Butlins. Did Mother Goose pants and also Frank Zappa with Belgian Philharmonic - got confidence for theatre work.

Came to London from Manchester as so much more work here. Moved in with friend in Streatham - loads of musicians would come over, make contacts and got work. 1996 - did residency in club just off the Strand - bar and restaurant and mini stage. Various clubs - pick-up gigs. No time to rehearse for one-night stands. 606, Ronnie Scotts, Hippodrome Leicester Square - jazz room at back. But Andy more rock and pop.

Tribute Bands - loads of work, and in the function world.

Depped on The Lion Kings for a year - terrifying and funny stories. Very difficult work.

Got work with Faithless - easier lots of gig work. Dire Straits, Tom Robinson, Kokomo.

In 90s gigs started to drop off a little. Karaoke, DJs cheaper.