

# Phat Man Dee

*Jazz Vocalist, Emcee, Songwriter, Events Producer, Video Maven*

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## **Work Experience:**

- Bandleader- "The Cultural District": 2014 – present
- Founder, "Social Justice Disco", ft. Liz Berlin & 60 additional musicians: 2018
- Founder, "Tune It! Tuesday" community - oriented monthly jam session: 2017 – present
- Vocal coach, Afro American Music Institute: 2015 – present
- Producer/director/host, "Take it the Bridge with Phat Man Dee" European tour: 2015
- Vocal coach, Creative Life Support's "We Rock Workshop": 2014 – present
- Co-producer of over 20 charitable fundraisers: 2000-present
- Artistic Director, Phat Man Dee Productions: September 1998 – present
- Staff volunteer at Burning Man in Black Rock City, NV 1997 - 2002

## **Notable Performances:**

- Vocalist/ Sideshow marvel at Coney Island Circus Side Show, Coney Island U.S.A: 2019
- Vocalist, Carnegie Museum of Art International with Postcommodity sculpture: 2018
- Vocalist/Bandleader/Producer with Social Justice Disco, Starwood Festival: 2018
- Vocalist/Bandleader/Producer Social Justice Disco Shine the Light Festival, JCC: 2017
- Director of multi lingual, pan spiritual "Brushwood Family Choir", Sankofa Festival: 2014, 2016
- Vocalist The Lemington Gospel Chorale, official event of Rep. John Lewis, at Ebenezer Baptist, Pittsburgh, PA 2016
- Performed with The Cultural District at Mayor Bill Peduto holiday party 2015
- Composer/performer with Pittsburgh Complaint Choir: 2015
- Performer, Gentse Feesten (Belgium): 2015
- Performer, World Body Painting Festival (Austria): 2015
- Performer, Edinburgh Festival Fringe (Scotland): 2015
- "Culinary Adventures of Baron Ambrosia" with John Waters: 2012
- "How to Survive the Apocalypse, a Burning Opera" Teatro ZinZanni, San Francisco: 2009
- Curated and performed at the Salvador Dali / Moriku Mori show at Andy Warhol Museum
- Multiple performances at Burning Man in Black Rock City, NV 1996 - 2017

## **Accomplishments:**

- Presenter "Confronting Racism and Cultural Appropriation in the Pagan Community" at Brushwood Folklore Center, 2018, 2019
- Presenter, "How to Get Pittsburgh Famous", Pittsburgh Arts Council Artist Development Series: 2018
- Presenter, "The Role of Music in the Fight for Social Justice", 20th Annual Summit Against Racism & Starwood Festival: 2018
- Panelist, RESPONSEABILITY GPAC Annual Convening Arts & Activism: 2018
- Crowdfunded \$7500 to produce Social Justice Disco 2016 (Indiegogo & Pledge Music)
- Crowdfunded \$18000 to tour Europe 2015 (Kickstarter)

**Awards:**

- Pittsburgh City Paper Best of Pittsburgh Reader's Poll Top Local Jazz Act: 2016, 2018
- Recipient of Neighborhood Allies' Love My Neighbor Grant: 2017, 2018, 2019
- Pittsburgh City Paper Best of Pittsburgh Reader's Poll "Best Activist" 2019

**Selected Discography:**

- "Social Justice Disco: Songs to Fight Fascists By" with Liz Berlin 2018
- "A Decidedly Creepy EP" 2018
- Producer, "Donna Davis – Live at Riverview Park" 2018
- "Hey Phat Chick!, Ya Got It Comin' to Ya!" 2014
- "Merry ChristmaChannaKwanzaa Vol 1.1" 2011
- "Torch of Blue" 2007
- "Life Just Goes On" 2002

**Education:**

- Afro American Music Institute: 2015 – present
  - Vocal & piano student
- Mr. Smalls Theatre: 2013 – 2014
  - Video production intern
- Pittsburgh Filmmakers: 2008 – 2012
  - Video production
- Private vocal study with Beth Claussen: 2000 – present
- Allegheny College: 1993 – 1995
  - French major, double minor art & music
- Center for the Musically Talented: 1993 – 1995
  - Musical studies, cello, voice, musical theater

**Notable benefit productions:**

- Proud Haven concert featuring Baby Dee at Mr Smalls Funhouse
- Dr. Kofi's School in Ghana at Shadow Lounge
- Katrina Victims at Lava Lounge
- Haitian Earthquake Victims at Shadow Lounge
- Japanese Tsunami Victims at Shadow Lounge
- 9/11 relief for the Red Cross at Lava Lounge
- Mountain Top Coal Mining Environmental Activists at Shadow Lounge
- Duncan and Porter House Homeless Shelter at Shadow Lounge
- Women's Center and Shelter at Oakland Beehive
- Individual artist support for emergency needs, 2000 –present, multiple venues
- Crowdfunded \$10,000 to help artist Tracey D Turner recover from a car accident 2016
- Crowdfunded \$5000 to help Pastor Deryck Tines put new heaters in Living Waters Ministry 2018