

MARK FOGGO makes fast, loud, high energy feel-good music and is one of the planet's best known names in SKA music. The fast, catchy songs and electrifying performance are well known by audiences worldwide. Mark Foggo started his career at 14 years old by playing around the London pub circuit, supporting himself with live pub gigs and the occasional solo performance. Nothing could break his determination to succeed in music, often taking odd jobs when the money ran out. Mark wrote and recorded his first single 'New Shoes' and when it grabbed the attention of Polydor Records, they offered him a contract. Through Polydor he released his first full-length album 'Speeding My Life Away'.

## Who's Mark Foggo?

Mark Foggo is one of the famous musicians born and brought up in Liverpool, England, United Kingdom. Currently, he's staying in Eindhoven, Holland. He is a Ska musician who started his music career in 1979 and is performing well even today. Ska refers to a music genre introduced in Jamaica during the late 1950s that combined musical factors of American jazz, rhythm and blues, Calypso, and Caribbean Mento. He mainly uses instruments such as guitar and vocals.

## Early Life of Mark Foggo:

Mark Foggo was a passionate man since childhood. He started playing music when he was fourteen years old by creating music around the London pub circuit, which

means he has been serving as a musician for thirty years.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>He juggled between taking up small jobs when there was a shortage of money and practicing music on the other side.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>He is indeed a live example from whom we can learn that success comes to those who struggle and are passionate enough in their lives.

## **Career Path of Mark Foggo:**

He started his music career in 1979 in Amsterdam, Europe, because of his unique post-2-tone ska. 2-tone ska refers to a music genre that is mixed with traditional and wave music elements. The tone became famous in 1987 when he launched his band called 'Mark Foggo's Skasters.' The renowned punk and ska bands such as 'The Specials,' also called 'The Special AKA' and 'The Beat,' also called 'The English Beat' inspired him to start his band.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>He released his first single in 1970, known as 'New Shoes.' After that, they released many other albums which became popular such as 'Speeding my life away,' 'A state of mind,' ' Weapons and Guitars,' etc. After that, he released his songs and albums and promoted other ska bands to support and encourage them.