

THE NEW PELICAN TRIO

Barney Bigard was a Creole, New Orleanian, and a pioneer of early jazz. He was the clarinetist for the Duke Ellington Orchestra, performing for 14 years. After a brief "retirement", he joined the Louis Armstrong All Stars, performing off and on for 7 years. Bigard's last band, the Pelican Trio existed for about 5 years, recording one record album, embarking upon two European tours, and performed extensively in the United States. The Pelican Trio included Alec "Duke" Burrell on piano and Barry Martyn on drums.

In 2021, Dr Ben Redwine contacted Barry Martyn to prepare for a lecture on the life and career of Barney Bigard, as Barry edited and co-wrote Bigard's autobiography. After a series of interviews, Ben and Barry became friends, and Barry suggested reforming the Pelican Trio. They began performing in the New Orleans region in August, 2021.

Unfortunately, Barry Martyn passed away in 2023. They don't make them like him any more. He will be sorely missed.

Ben Redwine performs at the inaugural concert of the Pelican Trio.



Barry Martyn entertains the audience.

