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SHORT-FORM BIO

James Court is a Sydney-based multi-instrumentalist, composer, and music producer. He is best known for his collaboration with the award-winning children's musical group, **The Beanies**, having written and produced each of their eight albums since the group's inception in 2016. His work with The Beanies has earned the group two **ARIA nominations** and a 2018 **Australian Podcast Award**, and can be seen and heard most mornings on **ABC Kids**.

James has written theme and incidental music for numerous podcasts, including **DrinkWise**'s *Bounce Back* and **Paddy's Markets**' *Pick*, *Pod*, *Plate!*. He has also twice won 'Best Original Music' at the **Lights, Canberra, Action!** short film awards, for his scores for the films *Buddy* and *Therapy: The Musical*.

Also active in the field of musical theatre, James has taken on roles as the assistant musical director for both Squabbalogic's 2014 production of *Sondheim on Sondheim* and Showwork's 2016 production of *Heathers* at the Sydney Opera House. He has written three musicals, most notably *The Great Emu War of 1932*, workshopped in Melbourne by Home-Grown, and *The Beanies' Egg-straordinary Day*, a musical for kids which premiered at the 2018 Sydney Fringe Festival.

James runs a YouTube channel - **JCTheFluteMan** - of over 5000 subscribers, where he creates remixes and comedy songs, featuring samples taken from his subscribers and other YouTube videos.



LONG-FORM BIO

James Court is an ARIA-nominated Sydney-based multi-instrumentalist, composer, and music producer. Beginning his music studies on piano and flute, he performed as a flautist in Canberra Youth Orchestra, and achieved his **Associate of Music** (AMusA) in flute performance in 2009 at the age of 15. He moved on to study singing with Vince Jones and Gerry Sword and is currently studying for his **Bachelor of Music** (BMus) in composition at the **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**.

He is best known for his collaboration with the award-winning children's musical group, **The Beanies**, having written, engineered, and produced each of their eight albums and two EPs since the group's inception in 2016. The Beanies' albums are released on the **ABC Music** label, and have earned the group two **ARIA nominations**, as well as a 2018 Australian Podcast Award. The Beanies' tracks have been streamed over one million times over Spotify, with their podcast reaching half a million downloads earlier this year. The group have performed on bills with the likes of **The Wiggles** and **Lah-Lah**, and been featured on Sunrise, The Project, The TODAY Show, and ABC News. Since 2022 The Beanies' music has been broadcast most mornings on **ABC Kids**.

Paddy's Markets' Pick, Pod, Plate!. He has also twice won 'Best Original Music' at the Lights, Canberra, Action! annual short film awards, for his scores for the films **Buddy** and **Therapy: The Musical**. He has written three musicals, most notably **The Great Emu War of 1932**, which was workshopped in Melbourne by Home-Grown in 2019, and **The Beanies' Egg-straordinary Day**, a musical for kids which premiered at the 2018 **Sydney Fringe Festival**. He has also worked as an arranger in the creation of new theatrical projects, for 2018's **Evie May** with New Musicals Australia and Nicholas Gentile's **Broadway Reimagined** in 2019.

Also active in the field of musical theatre, James has taken on roles as the assistant musical director for both Squabbalogic's 2014 production of *Sondheim on Sondheim* and Showwork's 2016 production of *Heathers* at the Sydney Opera House. In addition, he has taken on the role of musical director for the annual *Canberra Area Theatre Awards* every year since 2013, working closely with the likes of John Wood, Maggie Kirkpatrick, and Jon English. He also earned a 2014 *Gold CAT Award* for his contributions to various amateur theatre societies as a musical director, répétiteur, and performer. He has worked as an accompanist for cabarets for Michael Cormick, Amanda Muggleton, Mackinnley Bowden, and Laura Dawson, as well as for drag acts Wayne Rogers and Dizzy Bility.

James runs a YouTube channel - **JCTheFluteMan** - of over 5000 subscribers, where in addition to releasing his more adult-focused original tracks, he creates remixes and comedy songs featuring samples taken from his subscribers and other YouTube videos. He also teaches flute, piano, and musical theatre classes. Hobbies include gaining weight and writing about himself in third-person.



Onstage during a performance of The Beanies' Egg-straordinary Day

GALLERY









MEDIA

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The Beanies' Egg-straordinary DayMusical (promo) - Composer



Therapy: The Musical Short film - Composer



Flute Ninja Original instrumental



Caminandes - Llamigos (Re-score)

The Beanies

(Composer & Producer)



CREDITS & DISCOGRAPHY

Albums:

- Raining Jelly Beans

2016, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Imagination Station

2017, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Big Day Out

2018, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Full of Beans

2020, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Wellness for Kids

2020, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Noise Factory

2020, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Let's Go!

2021, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Nursery Rhymes

2021, The Beanies/ABC Music - arranger & producer

- The White (and Rainbow!) Album

2022, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

- Silly Songs for Smarty-Pantses

2023, The Beanies/ABC Music - composer & producer

Short films:

- Born Ruffians

2013 - composer

- Lynette Lenore

2013 - composer

- Buddy

2018 - composer

- AJ

2019 - composer

- Therapy: The Musical

2020 - composer

- Straight On 'Til Mourning

2021 - composer

Theatre:

- El Camino

2009 cabaret, LPAC - arranger

- The Insect Play

2010 play, Antill Theatre - composer & sound designer

- Frog's Body

2011 play, Canberra Youth Theatre - composer

- Six Characters in Search of an Author

2011 play, Antill Theatre - composer & sound designer

- Tryptich

2013 play, Canberra Youth Theatre - composer, lyricist, & sound designer

- Jazz Garters IV

2013 cabaret, Theatre 3 - arranger & musical director

- A Touch of Madness

2016 musical (unproduced) - composer

- Evie May

2017 musical (workshops only), Hayes Theatre Company - arranger

- The Beanies' Egg-straordinary Day

2018 musical, Sydney Fringe Festival - composer & sound designer

- The Great Emu War of 1932

2019 musical, Home-Grown - composer & musical director

- Broadway Reimagined

2019 cabaret, Pioneer Theatre - arranger

- How I Love To Give Them Back

2023 cabaret, Chapel Off Chapel - composer

- Shifted

2023 song cycle, PACT Centre - composer & lyricist

Podcasts:

- The Beanies

2016 - present, LiSTNR/SCA - composer & producer

- Pick, Pod, Plate

2019, Paddy's Markets - composer

- Bounce Back

2020 - 2021, DrinkWise - composer

- Outside, Inside Sydney Town

2022, City of Sydney/2SER - composer

- Secrets of a Self-Starter

2022 - present, Accelerator for Enterprising Women - composer

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