

John Adams

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Acoustic & Electric Bass/Arranging/Production/Instructor/Clinician

Education:

M. M., Jazz and Theory, University of North Texas 1989
B. M., Jazz Studies, North Texas State University 1982

Teaching Experience:

Guest Artist/Clinician, conventions, colleges, and universities, regionally 1990 – present
Adjunct Professor/Classroom Instructor, North Lake Community College 2012 - present
Lecturer and Bass Professor, UNT School of Music 1997 - 1998
Adjunct Professor of Bass, UNT School of Music 1993 - 1997
Instructor Jamey Aebersold Summer Jazz Workshops 1996 - 2000
Bass Instructor (classical and jazz), Dallas County Community Colleges 1989 - 1996
Combo Director and Bass Instructor, UNT Summer Jazz Combo Camp 1991 - 1998
Instructor/performer, Summer Drumset Workshop 1991 - 2007
Adjunct Bass Instructor (classical and jazz), NTSU School of Music 1984 – 89

Performing Experience:

Band-leader/music contractor (hiring 30 – 40 musicians annually) 1998 – present
Freelance arranging & recording producing 2003 - present
Music Director, Beau Nash at Crescent Court Hotel, Dallas 1998 - 2001
Freelance live and recording work, D/FW region & internationally 1977 - present
Commercial writer at Buffalo Sound Studios, Ft. Worth 1985 - 88
Commercial writer at Inside Track Studio, Denton 1985 - 87
Toured Europe with Zoot Sims & Sal Nistico 1984
Backed vocalist Mel Torme, various jazz festivals 1983 - 84
Woody Herman Band; 3 European tours; various jazz festivals 1983 - 84
NTSU Jazz Singers, bassist (including one album) 1982
One O'clock Lab Band, NTSU; (incl. European Tour, and two albums) 1981-1982
Dallas Jazz Orchestra 1980 – 1982
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, bass section 1978 – 81
NTSU Symphony Orchestra (Assistant Principal, 79-81), bass section 1977 – 81
Show Band at Disneyland, Anaheim, CA 1979

Shows, Concerts, Recordings and Recitals with artists and groups such as:

Woody Herman, Natalie Cole, Randy Brecker, Joe Williams, Rosemary Clooney, Chet Baker, Clark Terry, The Four Freshman, Dizzy Gillespie, Peter Erskine, Carl Fontana, Kenny Werner, Bill Mays, Fred Hersch, Bud Shank, Shorty Rogers, Marvin Stamm, Dave Liebman, The Dallas Symphony Pops Series, Dallas Summer Musicals and others.

Thousands of local, regional and national commercials, corporate projects and CD projects including: PBS, Radio Shack, Cadillac, USA Today, Stop 'N Go, Frost Bank, Ford, Frito-Lay, NBC Sports, Southwestern Bell, Oldsmobile, Pedia-Lite, and many others.