

GARY WICKS

Bassist: Upright & Electric

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Profile

A versatile and in demand bassist, educator and clinician with over twenty years experience teaching privately and in classroom settings. Skilled in many genres on upright bass and electric bass (including 4 & 5 string, fretted and fretless basses) with a strong classical foundation. Experienced in major recording studios and concert stages nationally and internationally.

Education

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Masters of Music in Jazz Studies, 2013

New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Music in Double Bass Performance, 1996

Selected Teachers and Masterclasses

Darek Oles, Don Palma, Jim Orleans, Cecil McBee, John Lockwood, Milt Hinton, Carol Kaye, Bert Turetsky, Peter Erskine, Bob Mintzer, Christian McBride, Danilo Perez, Todd Coolman, Rufus Reid, Ed Shaughnessy

Teaching Experience

Musicians Institute, Hollywood, CA 2012-Present; Private Lessons, Upright Bass Classes, Live Performance Workshop Instruction; Ensemble Instruction.

Various Masterclasses and Clinics, 2013-Present; Topics Included: Intro to Upright Bass; Bass Versatility; Bass Line Construction; Professionalism and Preparation for the Gig.

Fullerton College, Fullerton CA; 2016-2018; Bass Instructor; upright and electric

Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA 2014-2016; Electric bass instructor for Contemporary Music Program.

Young Arts Foundation, LA, CA 2015-Present; Accompanist and Assistant for jazz and multiple disciplinary students.

USC, Teaching Assistant 2011-2013; Jazz History lecture class: listening lab; listening exams; grading multiple exams/research papers; liaison between students and tenured professor.

Silverlake Conservatory, Los Angeles, CA, 2007-2008; private lessons.

Selected Performance Experience:

Jazz, Popular & Commercial Bassist: Upright & Electric Bass

John Lloyd Young, 2019

Kevin Mahogany, 2017

Matthew Morrison, 2016-Present

Western Standard Time Ska Big Band, 2014-Present

Christopher Young, 2016

Quincy Jones, 2015

Theodicy Jazz Collective, 2015-2016

The Manhattan Transfer, International Touring, 2008-2014

Grace Kelly, 2014

Jacqui Naylor, 2015-Present

Sophisticated Lady Jazz Quartet, 2013-Present

New York Voices, International Touring, 2012

Fitz And The Tantrums, LA, National Touring, 2009

Chantz Powell, International Touring, 2005

Percy Faith Orchestra, International Touring, 2005

Monica Mancini, National Touring, 2004

Henry Mancini Big Band, 2003

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Moonboot Lover, Boston, MA, National Touring, 2002
Jake Armerding, Boston, MA, 2001 – 2004
Downtime Sessions, Boston, MA, 2000-2003, Composer, Band Leader
Dead Cat Bounce, Boston MA, National Touring, 2000-2003
The Rockett Band, Boston, MA, National Touring, 1996-2000, Arranger
The Daddys, Boston, MA (Boston Music Award Nominee) 1994-1996, Composer, Arranger
Saint Cecilia Jazz Ensemble with Stefon Harris, Albany, NY, International Touring, 1994
Bob Newhart, Regis Philbin & Kathy Lee Gifford, Joan Rivers, Don Rickles, Starlight Theatre, Latham, NY, 1992-1994

Orchestral Bassist:

Los Angeles Symphony, 2016
Kensington Symphony, London, UK, 2006-2007
Henry Mancini Institute Alumni Orchestra, 2003 -2005
Berkshire Symphony Orchestra, Williamstown, MA, 1996
Albany Symphony Orchestra, Albany, NY, 1990

Selected Discography

Staci Griesbach, Patsy Cline Songbook, 2019
Sophisticated Lady Jazz Quartet, Simpler Times, 2015
Sophisticated Lady Jazz Quartet, 2014
The Manhattan Transfer, The Chick Corea Songbook, 2009
Peter Prince, After All This Time, 2007
Johnny Trama, Coming From Everywhere, 2006
Novo Philharmonic, 2004
Liam Bailey, Liam Bailey, 2004
Kabir, Fuel For The Fire, 2003
Jake Armerding, Jake Armerding, 2003
Billy Martin, Drop the Needle, 2002
Addison Groove Project, Allophone, 2002
Dan Rockett, What I've Seen, 2001
The Rockett Band, Mechanical Land, 2000; Harmony's Window, 1997

Television Appearances

LA, CA. Holiday Music Program at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion with WST Ska Big Band, 2014
Polish Television EU Presidency Celebration, The Manhattan Transfer Live, 2011
A&E Breakfast with the Arts with Monica Mancini & Gregg Field, 2004

Selected Musical Theater

West Side Story; Billy Elliot; Les Miserables; Ain't Misbehavin', Brigadoon, Damn Yankees; Godspell; A Chorus Line;
Honeymoon In Vegas

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office; Google Docs; Pages; Finale; Sibelius; Photoshop; Garage Band; Logic

Awards

USC Teaching Assistant Scholarship; 2011-2013; Henry Mancini Institute Scholarship; 2003
New England Conservatory Scholarship; 1992