

# bassist, Steve Adams



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Picking songs off Bay Area radio at age 13 and playing in bands throughout high school inspired Steve's college move to Santa Barbara, CA in 1993 to study music. While completing his UC degree in Ethnomusicology, he picked up the acoustic upright bass, focusing his performance practice predominantly on American, Mexican and Middle Eastern music. Now based out of San Francisco, and with over a decade and a half of playing experience, Steve's diverse background along with his warm tone and creative approach make him an in-demand bassist both in the studio and on stage. When home in SF and off the road with his jam/pop band ALO (Animal Liberation Orchestra), you can often catch Steve around town with local musicians Forest Sun, Tim Bluhm, Laurie Lewis, JP Cutler, Samantha & the Ritual, Guitarmageddon, and The Court & Spark.

## I. Performed w/

Jack Johnson  
Matt Costa  
Steve Kimock  
David Gans  
Jamie Janover  
Fareed Haque  
Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum  
Tim Bluhm (Mother Hips)  
Forest Sun  
ALO (Animal Liberation Orchestra)  
String Cheese Incident  
Samantha & the Ritual  
Tea Leaf Green  
Guitarmageddon  
The Court & Spark  
Everyone Orchestra  
Crooked Jades  
Bohemian Knuckleboogie  
Global Funk Council  
Felonious  
Aram Danesh  
JP Cutler  
Zachary Ross  
UCSB Jazz Band  
UCSB Middle East Ensemble  
The Aurora Mandolin Orchestra

## II. Performed @

Greek Theater - Berkeley CA  
The Gorge - George, WA  
Red Rocks - Denver, CO  
Central Park - New York, NY  
Apollo Hammersmith - London, UK  
High Sierra Music Festival, CA  
Aspen Snowmass Jazz Festival, CO  
Bonnaroo Music Festival, TN

## III. Discography

ALO - Fly Between Falls (06) #  
The Court & Spark - Hearts (06) \*#  
Jack Johnson & Friends DVD (05) \*#  
Forest Sun - Walk Through Walls (05) #  
Samantha & the Ritual - Square One (05) \*#  
The Court & Spark - Witch Season (04) \*#  
Say It Through Song Vol. II (04) \*  
Thicker Than Water DVD (03) \*#  
ALO - Time Expander EP (02)  
Philboyd Studge (01)  
Matt Butler - Good Options (01) \*  
The Million Mom March Album (00) \*#  
SF2000 Time Capsule (00) \*#  
ALO - One Size Fits All (99)  
ALO - ALO vs. LAG (98)  
Magnum Family - EP (97)  
EX-iGNOTA - Jammin' on the One (97) \*  
UCSB Middle East Ensemble (96)  
Django - EP (96)  
EX-iGNOTA - Lazarus is Back EP (95) \*  
SB's Unsigned Heroes II (95) \*  
Django - Tabula Rasa (95)  
Full Circle - The Other Side (93)  
Django - Contact (93)

\* = appearing on selected tracks  
# = national distribution

## IV. Journalism

*UCSB Ethnomusicology* (BA, 99)  
History & Development of Marichi Music  
*Bass Player Magazine*  
July 2002 - Rick Danko, The Last Waltz  
July 2003 - Gov't Mule's Bevy of Bottom

## V. Gear

Fender Precision Bass, 74  
Fender Jazz Bass Special, 80's  
Kalmazoo Gibson-factory Bass, 70's  
GHS Brite Flat Bass Strings

Cremona Acoustic Upright, 80's  
Pirastro Obligato Strings  
Mooridian Bass Case

SansAmp Bass Driver DI  
Boss TU-2 Tuner  
GK 800RB Bass Amp  
Ampeg 410-HLF Bass Cabinet



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