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Steve Adams, bass/vocals

Buying his first electric bass guitar at age 13 and playing in bands throughout high school led bass player Steve Adams to the Music Department at UC Santa Barbara in 1993. While working toward his degree in Ethnomusicology, he further explored the upright acoustic bass, focusing on American (Jazz, Bluegrass) and Middle Eastern (Arabic, Persian, Turkish) music. Today, Steve's broad range of experiences along with his great groove and warm tone make him an in-demand bass player both in the studio and on stage. When off the road with his jam/pop band ALO, you're likely to catch Steve playing out with an assortment of great musicians including Nicki Bluhm & The Gramblers, Big Light, Brokedown in Bakersfield, Newfangled Wasteland and many more!

I. Performed w/

Jack Johnson
 Matt Costa
 Brett Dennen
 Sara Bareilles
 Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum
 Tim & Nicki Bluhm
 Jackie Greene
 G. Love
 Forest Sun
 Steve Kimock
 ALO (Animal Liberation Orchestra)
 Big Light
 Brokedown in Bakersfield
 Newfangled Wasteland
 Tea Leaf Green
 The Court & Spark
 Everyone Orchestra
 Crooked Jades
 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
 Madison Square Garden - New York, NY
 Central Park - New York, NY
 Apollo Hammersmith - London, UK
 Bonnaroo Music Festival, TN
 SXSW, TX
 Mountain Jam Music Festival, NY
 Hangout Music Festival, AL
 High Sierra Music Festival, CA
 Life is Good Festival, CA

Tours in Europe, Japan, Australia, Brazil

The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 CBS Morning Show

III. Discography

ALO - Sounds Like This (12)
 This Warm December Vol. 2 (11) *
 John Craigie - October is the Kindest Month (11)
 Nicki Bluhm - Driftwood (11) *
 Big Light - Animals In Bloom (10)
 ALO - Man Of The World (10)
 This Warm December Vol. 1 (09) *
 Big Light - EP (08) *
 Tim Bluhm - House of Bluhm (08) *
 Nicki Bluhm - Toby's Song (08) *
 Zach Gill - Zach Gill's Stuff (08) *
 Forest Sun - So Nice (07)
 Forest Sun - Harlequin Goodnight (07)
 ALO - Roses & Clover (07)
 A Brokedown Melody Soundtrack (06) *
 ALO - Fly Between Falls (06)
 The Court & Spark - Hearts (06) *
 Jack Johnson Live @ The Greek DVD (05) *
 Forest Sun - Walk Through Walls (05)
 Samantha & the Ritual - Square One (05) *
 The Court & Spark - Witch Season (04) *
 Thicker Than Water DVD (03) *
 ALO - Time Expander EP (02)
 ALO - One Size Fits All (99)
 ALO - ALO vs. LAG (98)
 Magnum Family - EP (97)
 Django - EP (96)
 Django - Tabula Rasa (95)
 Django - Contact (93)

* = appearing on selected tracks

IV. Press

Bass Player Magazine
Bass Guitar Magazine
Relix Magazine
Rolling Stone Magazine
Dirty Impound

Music in Schools Today "Music Mentor"

V. Gear

Fender Precision Bass, 1974
 Squier Vintage-Modified P-Bass, 2010
 Martin BC-15E Acoustic Bass, 2006
 Epiphone Solid-body Violin Bass, '90's
 Kalmazoo Gibson-factory Bass, '70's

D'Adarrio Halfwounds 50-105
 Couch Guitar Straps
 Kidd's Kables
 Undercover Bass Cases

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

Mesa/Boogie M3 Carbine Bass Amp
 Mesa/Boogie Vintage Powerhouse 4x10
 Mesa/Boogie Walkabout Scout 1x12, 1x15
 Boss TU-2 Tuner
 Electro Harmonix Bass Big Muff & Q-tron
 Radial JDI Passive DI
 Telefunken Mics



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