Matthew Parrish

Born in central California to hard-working, music-loving parents of four children, Matthew Parrish epitomizes the heart of jazz bass performance and livelihood. Matthew has performed and recorded with many of the top names in jazz. Regina Carter, Wynton Marsalis, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Paquito D'Rivera, Houston Person, Clark Terry, Etta Jones, Miri Ben-Ari, James Williams, Harry Sweets Edison, James Newton, Gary Thomas, Greg Osby, Stefon Harris, Orrin Evans just to name a few.

His beautiful, warm and complex sound has earned him an impressive reputation in the music community, as a performer and composer/arranger/producer. While on tour with Al Grey, Matt performed with Clark Terry, Marion McPartland, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Lou Donaldson, Joe Cohn, Savion Glover, Bill Charlap and many others. You can find Matthew at venues all over the world, from New York City to Sao Paulo. Matt is currently touring with Freddy Cole, Houston Person, the legendary Saxophonist, as well as the Vana Gierig Trio with Paquito D'Rivera.

Matthew has recorded over fifty works, including his debut CD "Circles" (2000) and his most recent recordings with Karine Aguiar, where Matthew was the producer, bassist and arranger (recorded in São Paulo Brazil), and a brand new recording with Houston Person, entitled "Rain or Shine" on Highnote Records.

Education

Studied Jazz Performance at Rutgers University

Studied with Carolyn Davis (bass) Larry Ridley (bass) Craig Thomas (bass)

Recordings

Recordings on Verve, High Note, Hipnotic, Blueland, Enja, Music Together, Bigbang, Contour, and many others.

Performance Highlights

Al Grey tour of Europe, Regina Carter tour of Thailand, Kennedy Center performance and recording with Stefon Harris, Greg Osby tour in England, Houston Person tour of India, Freddy Cole tour of Japan, Touring with Vana Gierig and Paquito D'Rivera including Chile and Mexico, Rose Hall Lincoln Center with Regina Carter, Recording and performing in São Paulo Brazil with Karine Aguiar, Hammerstein and Sondheim concert Yardley Pa. - presented by Matthew.

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