

## **Ben White Bio**

Influenced from a very young age by such disparate interests as Jimmy Cliff, John Williams, Earth Wind and Fire, Kiss, and whatever was on the radio in his mother's car, Ben White experimented with several instruments before finding his true voice in the bass at age 14. Musically devouring anything he could get his hands on, he taught himself the instrument by learning all the Rush, Metallica, Primus, Frank Zappa, and Mr. Bungle he could find. His high school jazz band director told his parents "he's got one of the ten best ears I've ever seen". He was gigging professionally by 17, and though he tried to find a contingency plan in college, he left school to perform full time at 20. After moving around New England, where he'd grown up, Ben struck out on his own and headed for Austin, TX. There he learned what it takes to be professional, logging hundreds of gigs and thousands of miles on the road, playing everything from blues and country to jazz and fusion, pop rock to thrash metal, and almost everything in between. But eventually the Texas heat drove him to balmy Los Angeles, where he continues the relentless pursuit of his passion.

Playing and recording with locals and legends alike, he has established himself as a versatile, reliable, tasteful, and in-demand sideman, bringing both electric and upright chops to the table, and adding his vocal abilities to the mix. Not just a sideman, though, he has also developed a truly unique voice on his instrument, which sets him apart in his improvisation, soloing, and composition. He continues to strive always to be a better musician and singer, and sees every gig, session, and tour as an opportunity to make those around him shine, and an avenue for further improvement and refinement of his craft.

Ben's theoretical knowledge and technical facility is tempered by a disciplined respect for the song; he can take the spotlight but he knows the role of his instrument. His strengths are multiple: versatility, an ability to learn material on the spot and retain it indefinitely, a strong ear, and, just as important, an easy going nature.

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