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# **ANDY MCKEE**    **BASSIST**

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Andy McKee is an internationally acclaimed musician well known for his dynamic and inventive approach to the acoustic bass. His reputation stretches from his home base of New York, across the United States, to Europe and Japan. Andy's talents as a composer and accomplished instrumentalist have earned him a prominent place on the world's jazz stage.

Having performed extensively with many jazz greats, Andy McKee is as comfortable on the concert stage in front of television cameras as in the recording studio or jazz club. He has been a longtime member of the Mingus Big Band and the Mingus Dynasty as well as groups led by Elvin Jones, Michel Petrucciani, Chet Baker, and Philly Joe Jones. While living in Paris in the mid-eighties, he performed and toured extensively with Mal Waldron, Clark Terry, Steve Lacy, Don Cherry, Horace Parlan, Steve Grossman, as well as European greats Daniel Humair, Marcial Solal and Franco D'Andrea and others.

Andy's unique style and hard-swinging approach evolved naturally from his formative years on Philadelphia's jazz scene. Musicians like Hank Mobley, Johnny Hartman, Slide Hampton, Clarence "Cee" Sharp, and Philly Joe Jones provided a nurturing environment for him and other young players. "Philly was like my musical father. I was really just starting out when he said, 'come'on, you're with me'." McKee adds, " we didn't talk much about what we were playing, we just hung with the music." It was this period that provided a solid foundation for continued musical growth and achievement leading to the mature artistry of Andy McKee today.

Bob Blumenthal of the Boston Globe wrote, "Aside from [Elvin] Jones, the strongest echo of Coltrane's classic quartet was raised by bassist Andy McKee...". Britain's Jazz Journal International has called his playing "sensitive and dynamic" and described him as "...an imaginative melodist alert to every nuance of [the] improvisations." European journalist Barry McRae wrote, "McKee provides a crisply urgent backdrop throughout."

Accomplished as a composer and band leader, Andy McKee has released the recordings "Sound Roots" and "One World" under his own name.