

Melvin Lee Davis

Los Angeles native Melvin Lee Davis was discovered at the age of 16 by drummer Buddy Miles, when a horn player from Miles' band heard Melvin playing in a local club. Miles flew Melvin to New York for an audition and immediately hired him for his touring band. After playing the New York club circuit, Melvin began writing and performing with R&B singer, O'Bryan from 1980 until 1987 through a record deal put in place by Don Cornelius- even writing the 1983 theme song, "Soul Train's A Coming" for Cornelius' weekly television show, "Soul Train".

Melvin also has more than a dozen television performances including the Oprah Winfrey Show, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with David Letterman, HBO's "The Chris Rock Show", and BET's "Jazz Central". He has recorded tracks for the movies, "Coming to America" starring Eddie Murphy and Arsenio Hall; and "Jump Shot" starring Kim Basinger and Danny Devito.

Melvin is one of the most highly-demanded session bass players worldwide touring and performing with the Pointer Sisters, Chaka Khan, David Benoit, Russ Freeman Project, Bryan Ferry, George Duke, and Lee Ritenour, just to name a few industry greats. In addition to his work with the above-mentioned artists, Melvin's discography includes appearances on albums by Will Downing, Gerald Albright, Diane Schuur, Larry Carlton, Patti Austin, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Eric Marienthal, Phil Perry, The Braxton Brothers, Kirk Whalum, Kevin Whalum, Jeff Kashiwa, Ledisi, Angie Stone, Maysa, Chuck Loeb, Annekei and a slew of other Jazz and R&B artists.

Melvin clearly displays his skills as a master bassist, composer and producer on his first three impressive solo albums, "Variations in Time" which was his first album that debuted in 1998; "Tomorrow's Yesterdays" which was released in the year 2000, and his third album that debuted three years later titled "Nature's Serenade". Melvin and The Security Council released their 2006 album "Homeland" which featured contributions from Ron Bruner, Jr., Lee Ritenour, Mark Stephens, Eric Marienthal, Jeff Kashiwa and numerous other notable artists.

Melvin released his long-awaited and highly anticipated fifth album "Genre: Music" in May 2011. This album features: John Beasley, Gerald Albright, Lakin, Gene Moore Jr., Jeff Kashiwa, Ron Bruner Jr., Jesse Milliner, Allen Hinds, Rogerio Jardim, and Derrick James. "Genre: Music" clearly defines why Melvin is affectionately called and known as the "Keeper of the Low Notes."

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