

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 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, Diane Schuur, Larry Carlton, Patti Austin, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Eric Marienthal, Phil Perry, The Braxton Brothers, Kirk Whalum, Kevin Whalum, Ledisi, Angie Stone, Maysa, Chuck Loeb, Gerald Albright and a slew of other Jazz and R&B artists.

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 clearly displays his skills as a master bassist, composer and producer on his 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 a slew of other notable artists. Melvin is currently working on his fifth solo album which is expected to prove why Melvin Lee Davis is the "Keeper of the Low Notes."