

DAVID BASSE

Recording Artist • Entertainer • Community Advocate



BACKGROUND

Long hailed as a major influence on the Kansas City jazz scene, David Basse has performed for 20+ years, continuing the tradition of KC jazz icons like Milton Morris, Buddy Anderson and Jay McShann.

David was featured at *"Wolf Trap and All That Jazz"* in Washington DC and his band was part of the 1997 Inaugural Gala for **President Bill Clinton**.

The title song from David's 2000 CD *"Strike When Your Iron Is Hot"* was used by the Gore campaign and the Kansas City Chiefs to fire up the crowds. Jazz icons David has recorded with include **Phil Woods, Bobby Watson, Les McCann**, and Grammy nominated pianist **Mike Melvoin**.

When producers of A&E television network's controversial series *"City Confidential"* needed to explore Kansas City jazz as a backdrop for an exposé on saxophonist **Steve Harvey**, they sought out and filmed David Basse.

David has performed at the **New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Jazz Aspen-Snowmass, Jazz in the Sangres, Verizon-Playboy Jazz Series and the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee**.

In addition, David has played at **Harrods in London, Palacio De Congressi in Switzerland** and by special invitation and request, at the prestigious **Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong** at the "Handover" of Hong Kong to the Chinese.

Audiences have enjoyed seeing David at top clubs in Los Angeles, Chicago, NY and KC including **Blue Note, ATLAS, Phoenix Bar and Grill, City Light, New Point Grill, Plaza III, Fairmont, Green Dolphin Street and Lunaria**.

Currently David performs at **Scotty's on 39th**, recently named one of the city's 10 Best Restaurants by the KC Star.

"I love the soul that is your voice"
Maya Angelou

Radio & Television

2001-Present: On-Air Host of **Jazz Scene** on Kansas Public Radio

2002-2006: Voice of Jazz Calendar **KC Jazz Ambassadors**

2001-2003: **Carl Peterson Show**

2003: Rick Brown's BBQ America PBS

2002: City Confidential A&E

2001-Present: National Anthem for KC Chiefs and KC Royals

1999-2001: On-Air Host of DB Checkin' In on **KKFI Radio**

1993-1995: Director, **Plaza Lighting**

1990-1995: Voice of **Worlds of Fun, Hollywood Park, The Woodlands and the Arizona Heat Pump Council, Missouri Lottery, Great American Smoke-Out (commercials)**

1990-1991: Writer//Talent, **Jiffy Lube**

1989: "Blues" TV Campaign for **Blue Cross Blue Shield**

Community Support

2003-Present: Charter Member, **Leawood Parks & Rec Amphitheater** Task Force

1995-Present: Voting member of NARAS (Grammys)

2006-Present: Host Announcer for **Coleman Hawkins Heritage Festival**

2004: Featured speaker at Rotary International Conference *"Business of Music Entrepreneurship"*

1999-2000: Co-developer, 18th & Vine Recording Studio Feasibility Study with Emmanuel Cleaver

1999-2000: Emcee/Coordinator of Leawood Talent show, the opening event for **Iron Woods Park**

1998-2000: Chair, Midwest Region **Grammy Office Research Committee**

1998: KC Representative, **Wolf Trap National Park for the Arts**

1995-1996: Represented Kansas City as the premiere performer at the *"Handover Eve"* festivities, **Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong**

1993-1994: Host/Announcer, **Kansas City Blues & Jazz Festival**

1990: Represented Kansas City at the **National Conference of State Legislators**, New Orleans, LA

1988: Wake Up To Missouri, Baltimore, MD

1987: IDRC, Hotel Del Coronado

"The most remarkable singer I've worked with in a long time"
Phil Woods

YOUTH OUTREACH

2007-Present: Guest Artist and Instructor, **Shawnee Mission West Workshop and Concert**

2004-Present: In-Studio Multi-Track Program, **UMKC Big Band, KU Big Band and KC Youth Jazz Orchestra**.

1991-2001: Artist Visa and managed **Eldar Djangirov**; negotiated with national promoters

1992: Artist Visa-Jim Mair, Bram Wijnands

1998-2005: Board of Advisors, **Kansas City Youth Jazz Orchestra**

1995: HS Recording Project/ Saxophone Conclave, Santa Monica, CA

1994-1995: Co-produced **Lee's Summit HS Choir** performance at Plaza Lighting Ceremony

Recognition and Activities

Charter Board Member: **Elder Statesmen of Kansas City Jazz**

Sought after presenter for University of Texas **Elder Hostel Program**

Artist in Residence, **Marshall County Arts Alliance** Workshop, March 2008

Grammy Nomination, 2004

Voted: 1st-ever **Best Jazz Band** and 1st-ever **Best Male Vocalist**, KC Pitch

Inducted into the **International Jazz Hall of Fame**, 1983

Awarded **Key to the City** by Mayor Richard Berkley; named Ambassador by KC Jazz Commissioner

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