

Biography

Mark Egan

His unique fretless bass sound and style is both distinctive and versatile making him one of the most in-demand electric bassists on the music scene today. With three platinum and three gold albums to his credit, Mark has recorded with the likes of the original Pat Metheny Group, Elements, Sting, Gil Evans, Carly Simon, John McLaughlin, Cyndi Lauper, John Abercrombie, Michael Franks, Stan Getz, Bill Evans, Judy Collins, Marc Cohn, Duran Duran and Joan Osborne.

Mark has performed and recorded with legendary artists such as Pat Martino, David Sanborn, Larry Coryell, Chet Baker, Jim Hall, Marianne Faithful, Ali Ryerson, Joe Beck and Lew Soloff. He also has co-lead the group Elements with drummer Danny Gottlieb since 1982. With ten recordings to date, the group continues to tour worldwide featuring artists such as Bill Evans, Clifford Carter, David Mann and Gil Goldstein.

Born in Brockton Massachusetts, after high school he studied music at the University of Miami under the direction of the great jazz educator, Jerry Coker and moved to New York City in 1976 with singer Phylliss Hyman's group and quickly became established on the New York music scene recording and playing with David Sanborn, The Pointer Sisters, Vickie Sue Robinson, Sonny Fortune, Steve Grossman, Mark Murphy, Eumir Deodato and Stan Getz. It was during this time that former U. of M. classmate Pat Metheny asked Mark to form the original Pat Metheny group along with Lyle Mays and Danny Gottlieb. They spent the next four years touring worldwide 300 days per year and recording two records, *The Pat Metheny Group* and *American Garage* on the ECM record label.

Since that time Mark has released Seven recordings as a leader: Mosaic, A touch of Light, Beyond Words, Freedom Town, As We Speak, Truth Be Told and his latest recording About Now.

Released in 2014, About Now features a trio with Mitchel Forman-Kbds and Danny Gottlieb-drums. This acoustic/electric progressive improvisational trio features all original compositions played by the next generation of great improvisers.

In 1993 Mark launched an independent record label, Wavetone Records, which has twenty releases distributed worldwide.

Mark continues to compose and record at his Electric Fields recording studio where he produces his group Elements, solo projects and various artists.

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