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100 Greatest Jazz Bassists

Jazz has had the broadest perspective of all genre's in music since it's first note to the present day. It is for that reason that this list is presented in the same manner, with respect to all the myriad forms & interpretations of Jazz that exist today.

Criteria: - These jazz bass musicians were chosen for their impact & influence within the genre, versatility and the innovative & technical qualities of their playing of the instrument. Because of the expanding "gray area" between jazz & rock, some musicians may be on both lists. Newly added names are in Red

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100 Greatest Jazz Bassists

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| 1. Charles Mingus ✓ | 51. Richard Davis |
| 2. Stanley Clarke ✓ | 52. David Dyson |
| 3. Paul Chambers ✓ | 53. Larry Grenadier |
| 4. Jaco Pastorius ✓ | 54. Doug Watkins |
| 5. Ron Carter ✓ | 55. Reggie Workman |
| 6. Dave Holland ✓ | 56. David Friesen |
| 7. Ray Brown ✓ | 57. Monk Montgomery |
| 8. Charlie Haden | 58. Verdine White |
| 9. Neils-Henning Orsted Pedersen | 59. Scott Ambush |
| 10. Scott LaFaro ✓ | 60. Charnett Moffett |
| 11. Milt "The Judge" Hinton ✓ | 61. George "Pops" Foster |
| 12. Paul Jackson | 62. Alphonso Johnson |
| 13. Eddie Gomez ✓ | 63. Mark Egan |
| 14. John Patitucci ✓ | 64. Dennis Irwin |
| 15. Steve Swallow | 65. Oscar Pettiford |
| 16. Tony Levin | 66. Percy Heath |
| 17. Gary Willis | 67. Bob Cranshaw |
| 18. Victor Wooten | 68. Red Callender |
| 19. Brian Bromberg ✓ | 69. Adam Nitti |
| 20. Miroslav Vitous | 70. Anthony Jackson |
| 21. "Slam" Stewart | 71. Marc Johnson ✓ |
| 22. Jeff Berlin | 72. Mark King |
| 23. Cecil McBee | 73. Dominic Richards |
| 24. Steve Rodby | 74. Tom Kennedy |
| 25. Joseph Patrick Moore | 75. George Mraz * |
| 26. Don Thompson | 76. Jeff Andrews |
| 27. Marcus Miller ✓ | 77. Daryl Jones |
| 28. Gary Peacock | 78. Louis Johnson |
| 29. Nathan East | 79. Will Lee |
| 30. Jimmy Garrison | 80. Ben Street |
| 31. Anthony Cox | 81. Steve Hunter |
| 32. Gary Grainger | 82. Palle Danielsson |
| 33. Alain Caron | 83. Curtis Counce |
| 34. Jimmy Blanton | 84. Charlie Biddle |
| 35. Frank Felix | 85. Bill Dickens |
| 36. James Genus | 86. William Parker |
| 37. Eberhard Weber | 87. Kermit Driscoll |
| 38. Glen Moore | 88. T.M. Stevens |
| 39. Abraham Laboriel | 89. Walter Booker |
| 40. Jimmy Johnson | 90. Red Mitchell |
| 41. Steve Bailey | 91. John Kirby |
| 42. Jimmy Haslip | 92. Anders Jormin |
| 43. Christian McBride | 93. Henry Grimes |
| 44. Chris Wood | 94. David Piltch ✓ |
| 45. Melvin Davis | 95. Rufus Reid ✓ |
| 46. Lincoln Goines | 96. John Clayton ✓ |
| 47. Dave Carpenter | 97. Edgar Meyer |
| 48. Michael Manring | 98. Francisco Centino |
| 49. Ben Allison | 99. Walter Page |
| 50. Richard Bona | 100. Pekka Pohjola |

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