

GARY BROWN

Bassist

Born into a family of musicians **Gary Brown's** inevitable musical career began at an early age. By his eleventh birthday Gary was already performing in jazz bands with his two brothers and his father, jazz trumpeter **Wilbert Brown**. Gary went on to form his own bands and develop a talent and reputation as a skilled and versatile bassist. While enrolled in **San Jose State University's** Art/Design program Gary came to realize that music was his true calling and made the decision to make it his life and his career. After leaving school he continued to study privately with the renowned **Skip Parnell**, a teacher and lecturer from the esteemed **Philadelphia Academy of Music**.

In the past 40 years Gary has toured extensively in the **United States, Europe, Asia, South America, The Russian Federation** and the **Middle East** where he has recorded and shared the stage with **Flora Purim & Airta, Ernie Watts, Jose Neto & The Neto Band, Steve Winwood, Jon Handy, Narada Michael Walden, Dianne Reeves, Patrice Rushen, Santana, Gregg Rolie, Ernie Watts, Steve Turre, Torninho Horta, Eddie Henderson, Patrice Rushen, Alex Acuna, Dori Caymmi, Azar Lawrence, Roy Ayres, Chuchito Valdes, Giovanni Hidalgo, Mike Shrieve, Paul McCandles, , Jeff Beal Andy Narrell , Pete and Sheila (Sheile E.) Escovedo , Jose Neto Quartet.**

.Gary continues teach , perform , compose, and produce with various artists and is writing music for his solo project.