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# ***Electric Bass*** ***Basics***

# Preface

Hi and welcome to “Electric Bass Basics”!

You’ve picked the best instrument of all. In music, the bass is what we call the salt in the soup. You will find out soon that music doesn’t work without a bass. And if you practice a little bit, you will see that people will come knocking at your door just to pull you out of your bedroom and into the rehearsal rooms of this planet. In order for this to happen quickly, this book about playing the electric bass will allow you to enter the universe of the low notes in an easy but most effective way.

In addition, you will find how much fun playing an instrument can be. Maybe you don’t just want to play some songs in a band with your friends but are considering starting a career as a professional bass-player.

Whatever you intend to do with your instrument, this book will teach you the basic things you need to know to make your ambitions a reality.

First, I would like to present you with the main fundamentals of the bass, different playing techniques, finger exercises and some other things. Later I’m going to show you some rhythm exercises, scales and musical examples for an easy accompaniment. These will help facilitate your first steps towards playing the bass.

The included CD serves as a playing aid, a practicing model and is of course meant to support your motivation.

Don’t get intimidated by this amount of information, even if it seems overwhelming at first. Start and proceed in a relaxed manner and take it easy. Then you will soon notice that you’re making progress. But most of all you should always keep in mind to enjoy playing!

Have fun and I certainly wish you success!

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