



## **Nathan East - Biography**

**NATHAN EAST** has been a Yamaha artist for more than three decades and remains one of the world's most sought-after musicians. As a bassist, producer & songwriter, Nathan has collaborated with numerous top artists from Barry White and Kenny Loggins to Eric Clapton and Anita Baker. His Grammy Award winning steady groove and bass lines have provided the backdrop for a variety of mainstream Pop/Rock/R&B artists such as Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Madonna, Elton John, Michael Buble, B.B. King, George Harrison, Whitney Houston, Barbara Streisand, Justin Timberlake, Daft Punk, Lionel Richie, Andrea Bocelli and TOTO to name a few. Nathan has also earned a reputation as one of the top Contemporary Jazz bassists for his collaborations with Quincy Jones, Herbie Hancock, Al Jarreau, Natalie Cole, George Benson, David Benoit and his own supergroup Fourplay co-founded with Bob James, Harvey Mason & Lee Ritenour in 1991. He co-wrote the #1 hit song "Easy Lover" with Phil Collins & Philip Bailey which earned him an MTV Award and Britain's most prestigious Ivor Novello Award.

Nathan appears on more than two thousand recordings including the iconic "Unplugged" by Eric Clapton. In addition to performing for Pope John Paul II, Queen Elizabeth II, Nelson Mandela and at President Barack Obama's Inauguration Concert, East has been honored by the United States Congress with a Congressional Record awarded for his artistry and contribution to the worldwide music community. Yamaha presented Nathan a Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 30 years of musical excellence with the company including the development of his own Signature Series Bass guitar, the BBNE2. Nathan has recently signed with new label Yamaha Entertainment Group to record his first solo project scheduled for release in fall of 2013. A graduate of University of California in San Diego, Nathan holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Performance & Composition and has started the Nathan East Online School of Electric Bass in partnership with educational ArtistWorks online campus.