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While most people aspire to be the star on the stage, Jonathan Moody has made a name for himself under it. A veteran of the Southwest Michigan theatre circuit, Jon brings a musical voice that's rooted in a wide variety of styles, helping him bring an authenticity to every note he plays. Combine that with his rock solid reliability (musically and professionally) and it's easy to see why he's the first person Music Directors contact when hiring a pit.

Never one to turn down a gig in his younger years, Jon found himself playing funk, rock, jazz, dixieland, and even backed a bell choir and polka band. Drawing from his experiences has given Jon a unique voice on the instrument, the ability to sit in the background and fully support the style he is performing, and yet keep a whimsical attitude present in every note he plays. One thing sits upfront however; Jon loves to play.

Jon has shared the stage with a potpourri of artists such as Terence Blanchard, Charles MacPherson, Bucky Pizzarelli and Yoboso' in the jazz idiom, Dick Wagner (Frost, Alice Cooper) and Brian Vandraark (Verve Pipe) in the rock world and James Gordan & Sons, Kitty Donohoe and Matt Watroba in the folk realm. Jon has also had the pleasure of backing up such notables as Dennis Edwards (the Temptations), Fee Waybill (the Tubes), Leif Garrett, Kim Zimmer and Robert Newman, to name a few.

Currently residing in Kalamazoo, Jon is an endorsing artist for Warwick and NS Design basses, GHS Strings, Black Cat Pedals and Visual Sound Effects, Peterson Tuners, Levy's Leather Gigbags & Straps, Westone Earplugs, a staff writer for Bass Musician Magazine, and a freelance musician in the West Michigan area, still playing for whoever asks first. Jon can be heard at Unity Church of Kalamazoo every Sunday, supporting regional folk act Patricia Pettinga on ukulele and string bass, or at any of the theatres in town depending on their season. His spare time includes drinking coffee, staying in his wife's good graces and playing the ukulele for his giggling baby girl.



Performing Experience - Theatre

2012

Hairspray - Western Michigan University
City of Angels - Western Michigan University
The Last Five Years - What A Do Theatre
A New Brain - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre

2011

White Christmas - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
A Salute to the Red, White & Blue - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
All Shook Up - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
Five Guys Named Moe - Mason Street Warehouse
Chicago - Mason Street Warehouse
The Drowsy Chaperone - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
Starmites - Western Michigan University
Hairspray - Portage Central High School
Ain't Misbehavin' - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre

2010

Annie - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - Mason Street Warehouse
Jekyll & Hyde - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
Bright Lights, Big City - Western Michigan University
Chicago - Western Michigan University
Good News - Portage Central High School

Previous Theatre Experience

1776 - Barn Theatre
All Shook Up - Portage Central High School
Assassins - Whole Art Theatre
Bat Boy - Whole Art Theatre
Big River - Lansing Riverwalk Theatre, Barn Theatre
Bye Bye Birdie - Kalamazoo Christian High School
A Chorus Line - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
The Civil War - Barn Theatre
Closer Than Ever - Boarshead Theatre
Crazy For You - Dewitt High School
Evil Dead: the Musical - Whole Art Theatre
Fiddler On The Roof - Waverly High School

Forever Plaid - Boarshead Theatre, Peterborough Playhouse
The Full Monty - Barn Theatre (x2)
Disney's Gepetto & Son - Barn Theatre
G.I.Jukebox - Allegan Community Theatre
Godspell - Allegan Episcopalian Church
Grease - Dewitt High School, Hopkins High School
Guys & Dolls - Hopkins High School, Schoolcraft High School
Gypsy - Barn Theatre
Hair - Barn Theatre, Whole Art Theatre
Hans Christian Anderson - Lansing Community College
Disney's High School Musical - Kindleberger Art Festival
Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Waverly High School, Barn Theatre
Li'l Abner - Barn Theatre
Little Women - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
Little Shop of Horrors - Waverly High School
Nunsense, the Mega Musical - Barn Theatre
Oklahoma! - Barn Theatre
Old Timer - Barn Theatre
Pippen - Western Michigan University
Pirates of Penzance - Kindleberger Art Festival
The Producers - Barn Theatre
Ragtime - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
Reefer Madness - Whole Art Theatre
Rent - Barn Theatre
The Rocky Horror Picture Show - Barn Theatre (x2)
Ruthless! the Musical - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
The Scarlet Pimpernel - Portage Central High School
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers - Barn Theatre
Songs for a New World - Kindleberger Art Festival
Thoroughly Modern Millie - Portage Central High School
The Who's Tommy - Barn Theatre
Urinetown - Portage Northern High School
West Side Story - Western Michigan University
Witches of Eastwick - Western Michigan University
The Wizard of Oz - Barn Theatre
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown - Hopkins High School

Endorsements

Black Cat Pedals - 2011-current
GHS Strings - 2010-current
Gruv Gear - 2011-current
Levy's Leathers Gigsbags & Straps - 2011-current
NS Design - 2011-current
Peterson Tuners - 2011-current
ProTone Pedals - 2012-current
Road Rage Pro Gear - 2010-current

Seymour-Duncan/Basslines Pickups - 2012-current
Stoner Brothers String Company - 1998-2010
Visual Sound Effects - 2010-current
Warwick Basses - 2009-current
Westone Earplugs - 2011-current

Memberships

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers
(ASCAP)
Alumnus of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Delta Iota Chapter

Performing Experience - Misc

2011

Hospice of SW Michigan – 30th Anniversary Celebration
Bronson Park Concert – Kalamazoo Singers
Spring Choir Cabaret Concert – Portage Northern High School
Bassist – Unity of Kalamazoo
Bass / Ukulele – Patricia Pettinga

2010

Fall Choir Cabaret Concert - Portage Central High School
Bronson Park Concert – Kalamazoo Singers
Spring Concert – Portage Central High School
Spring Choir Cabaret Concert – Portage Northern High School
Spring Pops Concert – Kalamazoo Singers
War of the Worlds – All Ears Theatre
Bassist – Unity of Kalamazoo
Bassist – Blue Dahlia
Bassist – Joseph Merrick Quartet
Bassist – Patricia Pettinga

2009

Fall Choir Cabaret Concert - Portage Central High School
Alumi Collage Concert (feat. soloist) - Waverly High School
Spring Choir Cabaret Concert - Portage Central High School
Choir Cabaret Concert - Portage Northern High School
Bassist - All Ears Theatre
Bassist (sub & reg) - Unity of Kalamazoo
Bassist - Joseph Merrick Quartet
Bassist - Patricia Pettinga & Friends

Performing Experience - Movies

Closure - 2009, Gruesome Notions Productions
- Composed original music, "Waltz for Closure," for inclusion in movie

Fish Mich - 2009, Barn Films, LLC
- Member of Fish Mich house band onscreen, performed on recording of title song

Kalamazoo? - 2006, Londinium Productions
- Former band Immigrant Blue song, "March Street," featured in movie and on soundtrack

Performed with

Dennis Edwards - the Temptations
David Naughton - American Werewolf in Paris
Fee Waybill - the Tubes
Kim Zimmer - Guiding Light

Shared the Stage with

Terence Blanchard - Jazz Trumpeter
Dixie Hustler - Southern Rock
Kitty Donohoe - Folk Artist
Drums & Tuba - Indie
James Gordon - Folk Artist
Anne Hills - Folk Artist
Brian Vanderaark - the Verve Pipe
Dick Wagner - Frost, Alice Cooper
Matt Watroba - Folk Artist
Yoboso' - Latin Jazz

What They're Saying

"I've never worked with a better bass player or musician in 30 years of performing and directing in musicals, choirs, bands and opera. And, not only is Jon a great musician, he's a great person and it's a privilege to call him a colleague."

Carolyn Sue Bertrand - Musical Theatre Director

"His versatility to shift between classical, rock, blues, funk and everything in between is what sets Jon Moody apart from other musicians. He is a master at sight-reading, technique and improvisation on both the upright and electric bass. As a musical director, I seek out Jon first when I contract an orchestra."

Courtney Phelps - Musical Theatre Director

"You know what's wonderful about your playing? You play with dynamics!"

Leslie Boughton - Lead Singer,
Blue Dahlia



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