

Joel S. Bonzo

Bass



- **Where do you live:** Denver, Colorado
- **Education:** B.A. in Music Performance, minor in History from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas
- **Occupation:** Musician
- **One Thing People Don't Know About Me:** I'm a motorcycle nut
- **Earliest Musical Memory:** Seeing Dad play at our family's night-club
- **Favorite Recording or Piece of Music:** *Symphonie Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz
- **Why did you begin to play the instrument that you play now and at what age:** When I was 16, I picked up a double bass at my school and was noodling with it, and the orchestra director saw me and encouraged me to sign up for orchestra at school.
- **Other than performing music, I've always thought it would be fun to be an:** Archaeologist
- **A special story about my instrument:** I met with a tattoo artist in a diner who bought my Harley with a roll of 100's and I used that money to buy the bass.
- **I knew I would make a career in music when:** I realized I could pursue music my entire life and never find it uninteresting
- **Bio:** Joel Bonzo was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He studied double bass at the Meadows School of the Arts at SMU in Dallas, Texas. In 2007, he moved to Denver and is now an active classical and jazz musician in Colorado.