

Andy Moritz, Studio Director



Andy Moritz is an active professional bassist and music educator in the Greater Houston area, as well as the director of The Bass Studio, an intensive double bass instruction program.

Andy holds a Masters Degree in Double Bass Performance & Pedagogy and a Bachelors degree in Music Education, both from the [University of Houston](#), holds a Texas teaching certificate from TEA, and has registered Suzuki Bass training with the Suzuki Association of the Americas, and is a member of the [International Society of Bassists](#).

He has studied with such bassists as Dennis Whittaker, Owen Lee, Ken Harper, David Murray, William Black, and Dr. Kate Jones.

Andy's students have a tradition of excellence, having been chosen for the Texas All-State orchestras for over 25 consecutive years. Many of his former students have become fellow music educators or are members of major orchestras throughout the country. As a highly sought out clinician for teacher in-services covering all facets of double bass pedagogy, he is also a regular presenter and clinician with the [Texas Music Educators](#) and [Texas Orchestra Directors Associations](#).

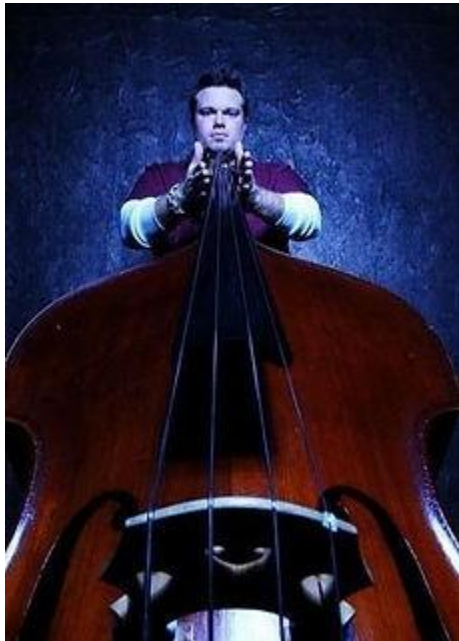
In addition to The Bass Studio, Andy is the faculty bass instructor for the [American Festival of the Arts High School Summer Music Festival](#).

Creatively, Andy has always been involved with numerous projects. In addition to being the bassist for bluegrass/Americana group [Cadillac](#)

[Sky](#), Andy was a founding member and lead bass for the innovative bluegrass fusion band Classical Grass.

Currently Andy plays bass guitar with the Worship Bands of [Kingsland Baptist Church](#), and is also a longtime player with the Encore Strings chamber groups. He has previously performed with such varied groups and artists as the Charlie Prause Trio, Encore Jazz, The Blue Monks, the Ed Gerlach and Ronnie Renfrow Big Bands, [Sugar Bayou](#), [Brazos River Turnaround](#), [Brent Ward](#), the Houston Mountain boys, Bo Levi and the Untamed Ponies, and the Apache Relay.

Andy is a member of the [Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra](#), performs with [Brazosport Symphony Orchestra](#), and was previously a member of The Woodlands Symphony Orchestra for over 10 years.



Andy lives in Richmond, TX with his wife Donna, their 2 teenage daughters (a vocalist and a percussionist/bassist), 2 spoiled dogs and a giant tortoise.