

DANNY KNAPP

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The bassist your next project needs — reliable, musical, and ready.

BIOGRAPHY

Danny Knapp — known across the Southern California music scene as The Melonhead — has spent more than two decades earning a reputation as one of the region's most dependable and versatile bassists. Performing professionally since age 16, Danny is a regular performer at the legendary Whisky a Go Go, with additional credits at the Troubadour, the House of Blues, and Phoenix Symphony Hall, alongside frequent performances at casino venues across the country.

Equally at home in a high-energy tribute production or a polished studio session, Danny is the bassist for emo outfit We're No Gentlemen, ska powerhouse The Goodwin Club, and Iron Maiden tribute act Maiden United — while maintaining a busy calendar of session work, corporate events, and collaborations with artists across Southern California and beyond.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- **We're No Gentlemen** — Emo/alt-rock | Blast Stage Records
- **The Goodwin Club** — Ska-punk | feat. members of Aquabats, Reel Big Fish, Goldfinger
- **Maiden United** — Iron Maiden tribute | National touring act
- **L.A. Sound Machine** — Gloria Estefan tribute | Casino & festival circuit
- **Groove & The Gang** — 70s funk & disco | High-energy live band
- **Serena Foster** — Pop singer/songwriter

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Regular performer at the Whisky a Go Go, with additional credits at the Troubadour, House of Blues, Phoenix Symphony Hall, and casino venues nationwide
- Studio credits: We're No Gentlemen (Blast Stage Records), Bryn Ryan Van-Dyke, Taysti, and more
- Early career: bassist for Feedbags (with Scotty Johnson of Gin Blossoms) and The Bredren (members of Save Ferris, Lit, Jeffries Fan Club)
- Endorsed artist for Sandberg Guitars, S.I.T. Strings, Schroeder Cabinets, and Pig Hog Cables
- Professional musician since age 16 with national touring experience across the U.S.

AT A GLANCE

- Southern California
- Electric & Fretless Bass
- Vocals (Lead & Backing)
- Ukulele
- Studio & Remote Recording
- Live Performance & Touring

ENDORSEMENTS

- Sandberg Guitars
- S.I.T. Strings
- Schroeder Cabinets
- Pig Hog Cables

GENRES

- Rock · Emo · Ska · Punk
- Metal · Funk · Latin
- Pop · Reggae · Jazz

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MUSIC & AUDIO

- "Beautifully Broken" — We're No Gentlemen
- "Thanks for the Memories" — Taysti
- "Skyfall" (Iron Maiden arr.) — Maiden United
- "It's OK (Special Edition)" — Bryn Ryan Van-Dyke
- "Mi Tierra" (live) — L.A. Sound Machine

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

- Maiden United Highlight Reel
- "Beautifully Broken" (WNG)
- "Skyfall" (Maiden United)
- "It's OK" (Bryn Ryan Van-Dyke)

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WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"If there was ever a 'Pro's' Pro, I've found him . . . and it's definitely Danny Knapp! No matter what style, setting, or scenario I throw at him he always brings an A+ professionalism/personality and absolutely CRUSHES the gig."

— **Rich Zahniser, Producer/Engineer, The Hippos, The Goodwin Club**

"Danny is not only a polished professional, but also a tremendous vibe on stage... His studio and recording talents will leave you in awe of what this Melonhead can come up with and accomplish during a session!"

— **Saint Saunt, Singer/Songwriter, Producer**

"I love working with Danny! Not only is he extremely talented, but he is also a genuinely nice person with a calming presence... Danny has been the one constant member of my California band, and I am incredibly grateful and honored to have the opportunity to work with him."

— **Bryn Ryan-VanDyke, Singer/Songwriter**

"Working with Danny was fantastic. His playing was exceptional, and he has an incredible ability to lock into a song while adding his own musicality in all the right places... I couldn't have asked for a better bassist."

— **Apricity**

"Danny is very professional... He is easy to work with and has great stage presence. Performing with him on stage is memorable, and I can trust Danny to deliver an excellent show."

— **Kitty Antix**

GEAR & ENDORSEMENTS

- **Sandberg Guitars** — Primary basses for live & studio — Sandberg California VM5
- **S.I.T. Strings** — Exclusive string choice for tone and reliability
- **Schroeder Cabinets** — Foundation of his live bass rig
- **Pig Hog Cables** — Premium cable partner — clean, noise-free signal

BOOKING & AVAILABILITY

Danny is available for session recording (studio and remote), live touring support, tribute productions, corporate events, and artist collaborations. He brings his own professional-grade rig and is experienced with click tracks, IEM systems, and fast rehearsal integration. Based in Orange County, CA — available nationally.

CONTACT & BOOKING

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