



Ignatius Bong

A famous face in the entertainment scene in Singapore and a first call Electric Bass Guitarist in the region, he is thus well known in the Asian music circuit, having session for numerous concert tours in big stadiums. He also composes music for TVC jingles & albums and is famed for his prolific jazz-fusion and funk performances.

Trained in the SAF Music & Drama Company, he furthered his musical knowledge from the streets playing initially with jazz musicians: The Manhattan Transfer, Ernie Watts, Jeremy Monteiro, Paul Ponnudurai, Eugene Pau & Farid Ali. He later expanded his playing into the pop circle and has concert-toured extensively in Asia with Chinese recording artistes like: Leslie Cheung, Stefanie Sun Yanzi, Aimei, Sandy Lam, Francis Yip and Eric Moo. He has also done many album recordings in Hong Kong, Taipei and Singapore for Andy Lau, Jacky Cheung, Na Ying, Anita Mui etc.

On the home front, he has been roped several times by the National Arts Council and the Singapore Government to play for the likes for their 'International Olympic Committee' city selection event, with the late President Ong Teng Cheong for a Charity TV show and many other high profile events like the prestigious 2009 Edinburgh Arts Festival and the Paris Arts Festival in 2010.

Hailing from a jazz-fusion background, his influences are: Jaco Pastorius, John Patitucci, Marcus Miller, Azymuth, Casiopea and Shakatak. He was on the Bass faculty of La-Salle College of the Arts, and is now with the Yamaha Japan. He also served on the project team of Creative Technology, when they created its first MP3 player – the Nomad.

A first call sessionist, on top of his Chinese pop concert tours in the region, on the jazz fusion front, Bong has performed for Grammy Award Jazz category winner - Nestor Torres, the ASEAN Jazz Festival & regional Heineken Jazz Festivals, WOMAD etc. delivering his fusion grooves. Juggling performances with teaching and heading the Pop and Rock division as an Asst Music Director for Yamaha Asia, he's one of Singapore's busiest musician.

Bong has just ended a massive world tour with mandarin pop superstar - Aimei (张惠妹) from Taiwan on March 2013.