



What do A-List Musical Artists like Frankie Beverly, Anita Baker, George Duke, Boney James, Mavis Staples & The Staple Singers, Brandford Marsalis, Jonathan Butler, Larry Carlton, The Crusaders, Steve Perry of Journey, Alanis Morissette and many others have in common? The answer is Vocalist, Bass Player, Songwriter-Producer, **Bear Williams**.

After graduating High School, the Chicago Native cut his teeth in the late 70's and 80's playing bass guitar on recordings by Gene Chandler, Jerry Butler, and others at Brunswick, and Chi-Sound Records. Then in 1991 Bear made his move to the west coast where he spent twenty-five years living and working in Los Angeles. Since then he's played on over 400 CDs and is still recording and composing music for well-known artists today. Bear has received numerous Awards for his creative work including the Keys to the cities of Philadelphia, Dallas, New Orleans and Atlanta. In 2012 Bear received the BET Lifetime Achievement Award for his work with Frankie Beverly & Maze both on tour and for his contribution to the group's 1994 CD titled "Back To Basics" (Warner Bros). The question that gets asked all the time is "where did the name Bear Williams come from?" "Bear" is Larry's nickname given to him by his wife and Business Partner, Dee. He then chose his Late mother, Helen's Maiden name which is "Williams" as a tribute to her memory. Put the two together and Bear Williams was born.

In 2016 after many notable accomplishments as a sideman in the music industry, Bear returned to his Hometown of Chicago to create and release his own Blues & Roots Music CD titled "**Waters of Love**" (GVR Records). His energetic five-song Blues Rock EP, "**Blues Rebel**" soon followed thereafter. Bear was recently inspired to release the socially conscious singles titled "**Sacrifice**" and "**This is America**". Bear says, "Each of these songs address the nation's and indeed our world's deep need for peace and true equality for all people." Bear's next Full-Length CD is titled, "**Train To Chi-Town**" due to be released in the spring of 2021. Music fans all over the world are discovering the music of Bear Williams for themselves. Shouldn't you be next?

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