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MUSICIAN, ARTS EDUCATOR & ENTREPRENEUR

SHORT BIO FOR RANDY WONG

(Suitable for publication in programs & brochures)

Bassist, composer, arts educator, and bandleader **RANDY WONG** is working to establish himself amongst a new generation of artist-entrepreneurs. A classically-trained musician from New England Conservatory and graduate of Harvard University, Randy's endeavors in interdisciplinary arts education have been recognized by the Music-In-Education National Consortium and Research Center for Learning Through Music. Co-founder of the critically-acclaimed Hawaiian jam band AKAMAI BRAIN COLLECTIVE and the exotic tiki-tainment band WAITIKI, Randy has led both ensembles in tours of North America and Hawaii. In 2003 he started the independent record label PASS OUT RECORDS; the label's first release was nominated for "Best Hawaiian Instrumental Album of the Year" at the Hawaii Music Awards. Currently, Randy's music can be heard on NPR-affiliate stations throughout the U.S., and also in Canada, Mexico, the UK, and Japan.

Randy is a 2003 Honors Graduate of New England Conservatory, where he earned a Bachelors of Music in Classical Double Bass performance, and a Concentration in Music-In-Education. He also holds an Ed.M in Arts In Education from Harvard University, and further studied double bass at Carnegie Mellon University.

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