

## **JOSHUA RAMOS (Bass)**

Joshua Ramos is a young Puerto Rican man who resides in Chicago, Illinois. At an early age he was surrounded by music. He grew up in a musical church where he sang and clapped his hands to a live band of friends and family. His parents both sang and his father played viola. His mother and Aunts had a vocal trio and he became involved with the bass guitar at the age of twelve at the behest of his father. Joshua got into music deeply and played with rock bands and in his church band when his teacher Margaro Torres wasn't present. Joshua played in the Whitney Young High School Jazz Band and later joined the music program Merit Music. There his talent was nurtured and he was in the Merit Honors Jazz Band as well as Gallery Thirty Seven. In Gallery Thirty Seven, Joshua played in the Latin Big Band and worked with artists like esteemed Trombone player Wayne Wallace and percussionist John Santos. After High school, Joshua Attended Northern Illinois University where he was in contact with heavyweights such as alto man Greg Ward and did regular gigs with Wynton Marsalis' pianist Dan Nimmer. While in the Northern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Jazz educator Reed man Ronald Carter, Joshua shared the stage with Red Holloway, Byron Stripland, Dennis Mackrel, Donald Harrison, Conrad Herwig Wynton Marsalis and Carl Allen to name a few. Joshua's career continues to flourish in Chicago where he is making new contacts all the time. Joshua has opened up for Stevie Wonder in Austria with the band Liquid Soul. He has performed with Skinny Williams opening for Stanley Jordan. Joshua Ramos has sat in the bass chair for, Dave Valentin, Jimmy Bosch, Curtis Robinson, Tecora Rogers, Ken Chaney's Awakening, CALJE (featuring Steve Turre, Paulo Meijas and Brian Lynch), Liquid Soul, Samba Mapangala (Artist who made and sang the OBAMA song), We Tree, The Occidental Brothers, Ernie Adams, Willie Pickens, The NIU Jazz Ensemble, Darwin's Evolution Group, NIU Liberace Group, Charlie Johnson Trio, Dan Nimmer, and Tito Carrillo. He is a fixture in the National music scene and a graduate of Northern Illinois University.