

Groovin'



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Nobody grooves on the double bass quite like Chris Wood.

Chris Wood is one of the pioneers of modern jazz. He was raised in Boulder, Colorado, where he studied jazz and classical music. He attended the New England Conservatory of Music in 1989 where he studied under Geri Allen, Dave Holland, and Bob Moses.

He formed Medeski Martin & Wood in 1991 with John Medeski and Billy Martin. MMW is influenced by musical traditions including funk and hip hop and is known for an unconventional style which is sometimes described as "avant-groove". In addition to MMW, Chris Wood has worked with Marc Ribot, Ned Rothenberg, John Scofield, Elliott Sharp, and John Zorn

Wood also collaborates with his brother, Oliver Wood in the band The Wood Brothers. The Wood Brothers play high-octane, American roots music, with Chris Wood on harmonica and on the double and electric bass, Oliver Wood on lead guitar, and Jano Rix on percussion, keyboards and mouth piano. Oliver Wood is the vocalist and leader of the band, while Chris Wood and Jano Rix provide vocals and harmony.

Chris Wood bass with the Wood Brothers is He dances and prances across the floor and bounces up-and-down to his and his brother's beats. This series was taken in Amsterdam's Paradiso in September 2018. It shows Chris Wood, one of the new jazz icons, dancing to the beat of his bass and his brother's lead guitar.























































