

## Mike VanDeMark, Bass



A Michigan native, Mike attended Indiana University. He played with Grand Rapids Symphony for two seasons under the direction of Theo Alcantera. During his Federal Court career in Detroit he played 20 seasons with Grosse Pointe Symphony and 8 with Macomb Symphony Orchestra. Primarily a jazz musician, Mike has played with Violinist Regina Carter, Pianist Kenny Barron, Saxophonist Joe Henderson and Trumpeter Woody Shaw, and also performed a six month tour in 1978 with Organist Jack McDuff.

Mike joined Tampa Bay Symphony in 2015, and through his exposure in this ensemble he has played with South Shore Symphony Orchestra, Imperial Symphony, St Petersburg College Community Symphonic Wind Ensemble and numerous theater ensembles including 8 O'Clock Players, Richey Suncoast Theater, Theater Exceptional, MAD Theater and Spanish Lyric Theater.

Mike wishes to thank the Tampa Bay Symphony for all of the doors it has opened in the Bay Area!