

# MIKE POPE

Mike Pope is best described as a rare triple threat in the bass world. An equally capable acoustic and 6-string electric bass guitar player, he is a world-renowned solo artist, sideman, composer and teacher. Additionally, he is a well-respected designer of high-end amplifiers, preamps and onboard active electronics. Raised in Ohio, Mike attended the University of North Texas, ultimately migrating to New York City at the recommendation of Michael Brecker, whom he met during a clinic at the school. Pope hit the ground running and began playing and recording with Michael and Randy Brecker, Chuck Loeb, Mike Stern, Joe Locke, Jeff "Tain" Watts and Al DiMeola. He released two solo albums, *Walk Your Dogma* and *Lay of the Land*, while amassing additional credits with Chick Corea, Bill Bruford, David Sanborn, Geoffrey Keezer, and Manhattan Transfer. Connecting with Fodera for a bass in the mid-'90s, he began consulting on their electronics, eventually building the Pope/Fodera onboard preamp. Mike then branched out to start his own Michael Pope Design, currently selling his acclaimed Flex Core Premium Internal Bass Preamp. His designs are also found in Trickfish Amps. Mike continues to tour in support his critically-hailed third solo release, *Cold Truth, Warm Heart*.

