



Matt Ulery

Bassist - Composer

Chicago based bassist/composer and bandleader **Matt Ulery** has developed an instantly recognizable sound. Known for his sweeping lyricism, unconventional phrase structures, expressionistic emotionalism, Ulery's music is informed by the entire spectrum of jazz, classical, rock, pop, and folk—specifically American, South American, Balkan, and other European folk styles. He performs not only on upright and electric bass, but doubles on tuba.

For a decade, Ulery has been the leader of his own groups, Loom, By a Little Light, and a member, among others, of Eastern Blok, and the Grazyna Auguscik Group. Ulery has produced and released 6 albums of all original music under his name including his three most recent releases of critical acclaim, *By a Little Light* (2012), *Wake an Echo* (2013), and *In the Ivory* (2014), on Greenleaf Music.

Ulery earned a Master of Music degree at **Depaul University** and Bachelors degree in music composition at **The Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University** and has played in bands with **Kurt Rosenwinkel, Phil Markowitz, Fareed Haque, Howard Levy, Patricia Barber, Goran Ivanovic, Jeff Parker, Zach Brock**, and many others.

When not touring parts of the United States and Europe, Matt appears regularly in the Chicago area music venues and has played performed with his groups at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, Chicago Orchestra Hall, Millennium Park Pritzker Pavillion, Chicago Cultural Center, The Krannert Center, Blues Alley, Jazz Showcase, The Metro and countless other fine music listening rooms.

"This is music of brisk intelligence and an almost off-putting abundance of composure... with frictionless access to great chunks of classical postminimalism, atmospheric indie-rock and harmonically astute post-bop."

—New York Times

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Greenleaf Music is an independent music company owned, operated and curated by trumpeter and composer Dave Douglas. While concentrating on releasing jazz, post-jazz and world music, the company's primary focus is creativity in musical expression. Greenleaf's sound is defined by the artists signed to it, and the room they are given to explore their own sonic world. What truly interests listeners is not just the recorded product, but the artists themselves. As such, Greenleaf strives to create interactions with fans that go beyond traditional recorded music sales. Producing CDs, vinyl records, downloads, sheet music, subscriptions, a bi-weekly podcast and a blog with artist commentary and discussion, Greenleaf Music creates a dynamic community of fans that supports artists fully and fairly.