

BASS 2008 PLAYER READERS' CHOICE AWARD

Announcing The First Annual BASS PLAYER Readers' Choice Awards

BY THE BASS PLAYER STAFF

In a year filled with choices to make and issues to debate, there's one thing on which we can all agree: Bass stuff is cool. But what's the coolest? Starting in December we sought the advice of our favorite special interest group: You. The BASS PLAYER Readers' Choice Awards go to the grooviest gear and the most inspiring players, chosen by you. Now the online votes are in, and the results have been tallied, and the zeitgeist has been measured. The envelopes, please . . .

THE GEAR

All-Around Best New Product

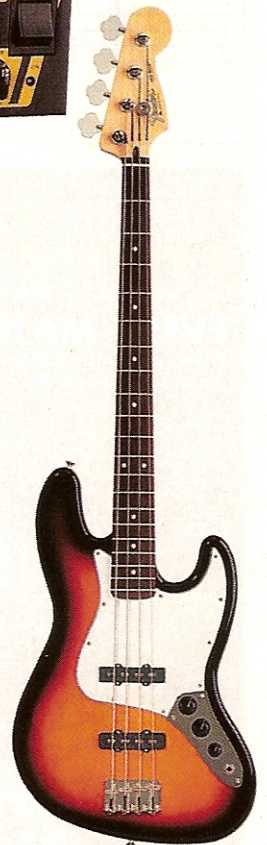
1. MarkBass Little Mark II
2. Audere JZ3 preamp
3. TASCAM MP-BT1 Portable MP3 Bass Trainer
4. MTD Kingston Z5
4. Fender B-DEC combo
6. Warwick Hellborg amp
7. Line 6 Lowdown Studio 110
Carvin BX1200 amp
Nordstrand pickups
Peterson Strobostomp



Best Bass Under \$700

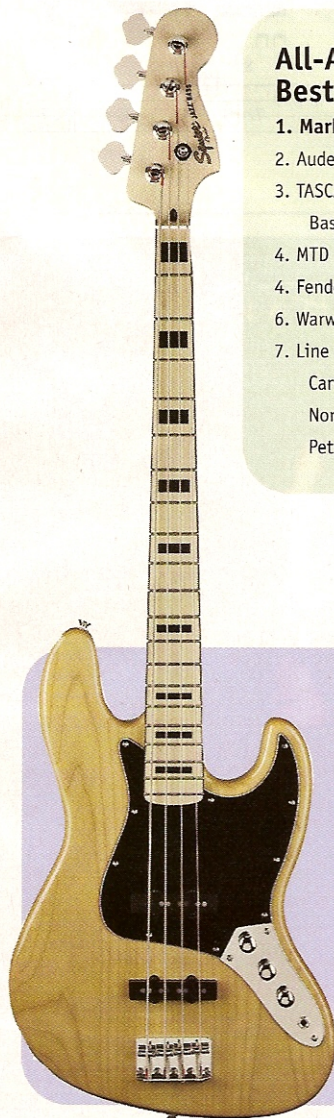
Often referred to as the MIM, for "made in Mexico," the **Fender Standard Jazz** emerged head and shoulders as the reader fave in the most affordable category. Other top vote-getters included the Ibanez Soundgear 505, the Squier Vintage Modified Jazz Bass and Fretless Jazz Bass, the G&L Tribute L-2000, and the Fender Jaguar Bass.

1. Fender Standard Jazz
2. Ibanez Soundgear SR 500
3. Squier Vintage Modified Jazz
4. G&L Tribute L-2000
5. Fender Jaguar Bass
6. Squier Vintage Modified Jazz Fretless
7. Ibanez ATK
8. Schecter Stiletto Custom
9. Epiphone Thunderbird
10. Fender Deluxe Series Active P-Bass Special



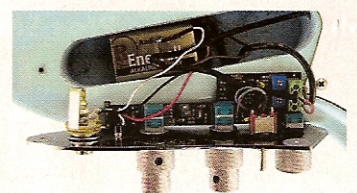
Best Value Award

1. Squier Vintage Modified Series
2. Lakland Skyline Series
3. MTD Kingston Zephyr
4. Fender Geddy Lee Jazz Bass
5. Epiphone Thunderbird IV
Fender Highway One Series
Squier Deluxe Active Jazz Bass V
8. Fender Jazz 24
Fender Standard Jazz
G&L Tribute Series
Audere JZ3 preamp



Best Preamp

1. Audere JZ3
2. Bartolini
3. Sadowsky
4. Aguilar OBP-3
5. Aguilar OBP-1



Best Bass Head

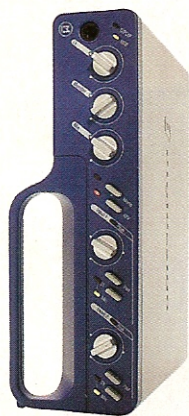
Flyweight beat heavyweight in this category, as the **MarkBass Little Mark II** edged out Ampeg's SVT Classic and SVT-4PRO.

1. MarkBass Little Mark II
2. Ampeg SVT Classic
3. Ampeg SVT-4PRO
4. Aguilar DB 750
5. Ampeg SVT-VR
6. Gallien-Krueger 1001RB
7. Ampeg SVT-3PRO
Eden WT-800
9. Eden WT-550
10. Epifani UL502
MarkBass F1



Best Stompbox

1. Tech 21 SansAmp Bass Driver DI
2. Electro-Harmonix Bassballs
3. Boss OC-3 Octave
4. BBE Sonic Stomp
5. Boss ODB-3 Bass Overdrive



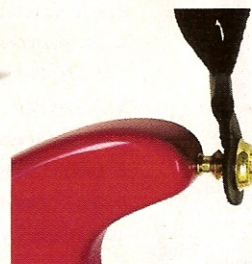
Best Software

1. DigiDesign Pro Tools
2. Apple Logic 8 Studio
3. Cubase SX3
4. Cakewalk Sonar 7 Producer
5. Apple GarageBand
6. IK Multimedia Ampeg SVX
7. Propellerheads Reason 4.0
8. Band-in-a-Box
9. Audacity
10. Finale
Sibelius
Native Instruments Guitar Rig



Best Strings

1. Elixir Nanoweb
2. DR High Beams
3. DR Lo-Rider
4. GHS Bass Boomers
5. DR Extra Life
6. Rotosound Swing Bass 66
7. Dean Markley Blue Steel
8. D'Addario Chromes
9. D'Addario XL Nickel
10. DR Sunbeams



Best Accessory

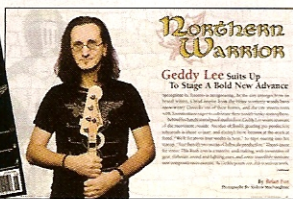
1. Dunlop Strap Locks
2. Comfort Strapp
3. Levy's Straps
4. Tascam CDBT-2 Bass Trainer
5. Monster Bass cables
6. Hipshot D-Tuner
7. Schaller Strap Locks
8. Incase Gig Bag
9. Fender Gold and Platinum cables
10. Korg DTR-1000 rackmount digital tuner

Best Recording Gear

1. DigiDesign Mbox 2
2. DigiDesign Digi 003
3. Boss Micro BR
4. Avalon U5
M-Audio Firewire 410

ABOUT BASS PLAYER

The Readers' Choice Awards ballot also gave you an opportunity to weigh in on your favorite articles and lessons from 2007. We've listed some of your choices here; for the full report, visit www.bassplayer.com.



Best 2007 Cover Feature

1. Geddy Lee, August '07
2. Deconstructing Jaco's "Havona," September '07
3. Chicago's Peter Cetera, December '07

Best Lesson

Learn To Play Chris Squire's part on Yes's "Roundabout"



Favorite Full-Song Transcriptions

1. Chuck Rainey on Steely Dan's "Peg," November '07
2. Stevie Wonder's "Boogie On Reggae Woman," December '07
3. Geezer Butler on Black Sabbath's "War Pigs," October '07



Favorite Non-Cover Interviews

1. Tal Wilkenfeld
2. Billy Cox with Jimi Hendrix
3. Doobie Brothers' Tiran Porter



Favorite BASS PLAYER TV Videos

1. Bobby Vega on the Sly & the Family Stone sound
2. Geddy Lee showing his basses
3. Flea's Stadium Arcadium lesson