

David Hood
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As a session bassist, studio owner and member of the legendary Muscle Shoals Rhythm section, David Hood has recorded with a vast range of musicians including Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding, James Brown, Clarence Carter, Etta James, Percy Sledge, Johnny Taylor, Bob Seger, Steve Winwood, Rod Stewart, Paul Simon, Cat Stevens, Joe Cocker, Duane Allman, Linda Ronstadt, Jimmy Buffett, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Glen Frey, the Staple Singers, Boz Scaggs, Candi Staton, Jimmy Cliff, Levon Helm, Delbert McClinton, Steve Cropper, Alicia Keys and many more.

Although he has played on hundreds of hit records, he may be best recognized for his signature bass lines in the Staples Singers classic "I'll Take You There" during which Marvin Staples refers to him as "little David".

The Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section was eventually immortalized as the "Swampers" in the Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Sweet Home Alabama". Hood was introduced into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in 2008. He is still very active as a recording musician and frequently performs live gigs in venues throughout the US and abroad.