

Colorado native and upcoming bassist Gabe Rupe was born in Boulder, and grew up playing throughout the Denver region. He credits the Denver jazz scene with allowing him to find his voice and develop his sound. In his years of playing, Gabe has been recognized with multiple awards of excellence. Gabe was selected for the 2016 Vail Jazz All-Stars, the 2016 Telluride Jazz All-Stars, the 2017 Jazz Band of America, the 2017 Monterey Jazz Festival's Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, and he was chosen as the 2017 YoungArts finalist in Jazz Double-Bass. After graduating high school in 2017, Gabe went on to take the role as bassist in the acclaimed Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet, in which he completed a 1-year tenure as a Fellow. He currently attends the Juilliard School, where he is pursuing a Bachelor's of Music in Jazz Studies, with a concentration in Jazz Double-Bass.

During the 8 years that Gabe has been playing, he has been fortunate enough to perform with and learn from a variety of artists, including: Eric Gunnison, Brad Goode, Paul Romaine, Shane Endsley, and Greg Gisbert. Gabe cites his main living influences as John Clayton and Christian McBride, although his appreciation for bass extends farther back to such greats as Milt Hinton, Scott LaFaro and Ray Brown. Gabe maintains great respect for the lineage and history of jazz, which he tries to reflect and preserve in his sound. He feels jazz is a microcosm of the story of the United States, and a complete reflection of the human experience. Gabe is excited to share his music with the world and dedicates his life to continuing and protecting one of the greatest art forms ever created: Jazz.

Gabe is a passionate individual; he strives to use this passion not only in his music, but also in his desire to better humanity and learn from those around him. Gabe has participated in many benefit concerts and programs aimed at improving lives, including El Sistema, and his most recent cultural exchange with Habitat for Humanity in Paraguay. As a deeply spiritual and open-hearted person, Gabe believes that it is an artist's duty to be a messenger of joy and unity. He believes that showing compassion to others is a fundamental element of the universe, and through his art and his outreach, he hopes to reflect this.