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The Ed Palermo Big Band Eddy Loves Frank [Cunieform, 2009] It's been said there are eight

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city, and one of them has got to be bassist **Paul Adamy**, a pro who's done everything you can do in New York-major network TV (*The Cosby Show*) and movie sessions, Broadway shows, jazz festivals, A-list jingles, the New York Philharmonic, and a list of credits (starting with Carly Simon) that'll make your eyes pop. For fun, Adamy's been playing in the Ed Palermo Big Band, which exclusively does Frank Zappa material re-arranged by Palermo for his outfit. Eddy Loves Frank is a session pro's dream gig to stretch on, taking on the Frank oeuvre and nailing rock, funk, swing, and all manner of involved form and arrangement. Adamy plays with the smooth grace and steady aplomb of a guy who's been there, done that, and still having a blast. Zappa fans will love the swinging original arrangements (especially "Echidna's Arf" and "What's New In Baltimore"), and bassists will dig Adamy's thick, no-nonsense groove and tone. If you're a bassist and a Zappa fan, it's just required listening. (BB)

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