

## Peter Violas Bio

Born and raised on Rock-n-Roll and Classical music in the small town of Canandaigua, NY, Peter's musical journey began in the third grade when he picked up the Cello, and by high school was rocking out on the Bass in local bar bands. Upon graduation, he received a music scholarship to attend the University of Buffalo. While in college, Peter formed the band Sequel, a Rush and U2 cover band managed by Billy Sheehan's Manager Mike Faley. Sequel performed over 200 shows opening for TALAS, KIM MITCHELL, JOAN JETT, MOUNTAIN and CONEY HATCH. After graduation, Peter made the move to Hollywood, CA, where he was recruited to play Bass for Vinnie Moore, and Samantha Fox. Peter has played in many original bands including Headpenney which in 1996 released their self titled CD. In 1998 Peter joined forces with the band, Rain Or Shine where he co-wrote, played Bass, and sang Lead and Backing Vocals on their debut CD, "Welcome to the Hinterland" . In 1999 Peter released a Christmas CD entitled "Christmas in Canandaigua" where he is singing all Vocals and playing the Cello. Prior to joining USAU2, Peter was the Bassist for the Platinum Rockstars from it's December 2008 Debut for 2 years including Festival and Casino performances in Las Vegas, San Diego, Tuscon, and Los Angeles.

Peter is a huge football fan since his playing days in High School and College. "Being in a band is like playing football, everyone has their position and the best bands play like a team." Peter's main interest now are his children, the youngest was diagnosed with Autism.

"I am thrilled to be playing the part of Adam Clayton, I am a HUGE fan of his bass playing style, it is very natural for me! It is also a huge pleasure to be in a band with David, Rodrigo and Chris, and I am very grateful for this blessing."