



James McConnell is currently an undergraduate student at California State University, San Bernardino where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Double Bass Performance in the CSUSB Department of Music, under Professor Marlon Martinez.

McConnell is the principal double bassist of the CSUSB Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. Lucy Lewis. McConnell also performs frequently with the Coachella Valley Symphony and Temecula Valley Symphony under the direction of Maestro John Mario di Constanzo. While at CSUSB McConnell has also participated in many small ensembles including chamber string ensembles, the CSUSB Double Bass Ensemble, CSUSB Cello Ensemble, Mariachi Los Coyotes, and the CSUSB Early Music Ensemble.

McConnell is a versatile bassist performing both double bass and electric bass for orchestras, chamber ensembles, jazz bands and contemporary worship music. He has performed at many esteemed venues such as the Anaheim Convention Center, Los Angeles Cathedral, and Historic California Theatre, as well as working alongside many composers from the Oregon Catholic Press. He has made several recordings for albums and video projects, and regularly collaborates with new composers.

McConnell looks forward to continuing his education in post graduate studies and wants to eventually pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree. He is very dedicated to his craft and is eager to expand his pedagogical and physiological understanding of the double bass. He wishes to perform as an orchestral bassist for the rest of his career and plans on auditioning for professional symphonies.