

My Gallien-Krueger 800RB Story:

My brother was taking guitar lessons from a guy named Mike who was in a local band. After his lessons his teacher would sometimes invite us downstairs to watch his band practice. I was always amazed and knew from that point on that I wanted to be a bass player.

I asked my dad if he could purchase a bass guitar for me. He agreed after I assured him this was something I was going to stick with. After getting my bass I asked Mike's bassist Rich if he could give me lessons. I was 13 years old and ready to rock.

Rich's band would sometimes play all-aged shows that I would attend. I would pay the most attention to the bass. His bass tone was punchy and his sound was always booming.

I had bass lessons once a week with Rich. We would go over scales, learn songs and talk about music. I would play through a tiny practice amp while he used his bass rig: A Gallien-Krueger 800RB head with a 15" bottom speaker and a 2 x 12" speaker cabinet on top. I was so amazed of the sound that came out of this amp. Rich would switch with me many times and let me play through the Gallien-Krueger.

I joined a band with a few friends from school. I bought an amp even though it wasn't the one I wanted but it had to do. I played my first show in the summer of 1984. It was an awesome feeling and I was stoked. A few months later after working hard and saving my money I purchased the Gallien-Krueger 800RB that I always wanted.

Throughout the years I've always received many compliments from top soundmen, bass players and other music professionals. They said my bass sound was amazing and that it stood out from the rest. I tried a few other amps in the past but nothing ever compared to the sound of my Gallien Krueger 800RB.

After 34 years, thousands of shows, several tours and many different genres of music my Gallien-Krueger 800RB continues to be reliable and stands the test of time.

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