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Jeff Decker

Versatile, multi-genre drummer and percussionist with over 30 years experience teaching and performing.

Teaching

Instructing for drum set, snare drum, rudimental snare drum, all mallet instruments (marimba, vibes, xylophone, etc.) and hand drums. Teaching pragmatic performing skills with a weekly roster of 15-30 students. Exhibiting patience and adaptability with all age and skill levels.

Also private instruction at my home studio

The Drum Pad
Palatine, IL
2003 – present

Palatine Music
Palatine, IL
1990-2004

Schaumburg Music
Schaumburg, IL
1988-2001

Holy Cross High School
River Grove, IL
1990-91, 1979-1984

Fremd High School
Palatine, IL
1984-1985

Maine South High School
Park Ridge, IL
1984

Performance

Solid sight reader for all types of musical situations. Well-versed in all styles of music including rock, jazz and latin. Types of shows include festivals, weddings, nightclubs, concerts, corporate events, recording sessions, television performances and musical theater.

OPENED FOR:

The Byrds | Foghat | Edgar Winter | Dennis DeYoung

PLAYED WITH:

Jim Peterik | Ron Hawking | Bill Murray | Jimmy Damon
Dwayne Thamm | Joe Daly | Denise Tomaselo | Joey Bishop
Julie Ponce | John Moran | Paula Ramsey | Tony Spavone

Hundreds of jobbing & recording projects throughout the U.S.

CURRENT

SODA
(www.sodarocks.com)
2008 – present

PAST

**The Only Sons/
Pete Fleming Orchestra**
1994-2008

Crosstown

1987-1994

The 'Freddie Bell Show,'

Las Vegas, NV,
Atlantic City, NJ
1985-1987

FREELANCE

Chicago Grandstand
Big Band

Barrett Deems Big Band

Chicago Metropolitan
Jazz Orchestra

The Moonlighters Big Band

Jazz Community Big Band

Harmony Productions
(house drummer)

The Royal Trumpet Works

Jazz Nouveau

Other Projects

“Innovative Practice Techniques for Snare Drum and Drum Set” – Instructional book for drum students, 2006

“The Cover Band Scene; how to make one size fit all” – *Modern Drummer* magazine article, February 2001

Education

One-on-one instruction from:

Gavin Harrison | Mike Mangini | Johnny Raab | Dave DiCenso
Rick Latham | Clayton Cameron | Joe Morello | Tony Caselli
Joel Spencer | Bruce Carver

B.M. Music Performance

Roosevelt University, Chicago IL (1983)

A.A. Music

Triton College, River Grove, IL (1980)