

MATT JONES

Professional drummer & teacher

DRUM LESSON GUIDE WITH MATT

Thank you for choosing to have drum lessons with me. I am thrilled to be your teacher and help guide you through your musical journey. I made this simple guide to tell you a bit more about myself, explain my services, and go over terms and conditions.

EDUCATION

2007

Bachelor of Music

California State University Long Beach

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Performance credentials

From receiving my Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance to working with the Grammy's, to winning a national drum corps competition and spanning all 7 continents on the planet as a performer, I am extremely grateful. I've worked professionally in virtually every genre, from Jazz to Pop, Latin to Rock, and enjoy every style of music.



Some of my credits include recording and or performing with: Grammy nominated pianist Judy Carmichael, Earth Wind and Fire, The Voice UK sensation Toni Warne, London's West End Singer Peter Cutler, Three time Grammy Award Winner Steve Vai, Post Modern Jukebox front man LaVance Colley, Chinese Instrumental Virtuoso Pingxin Xu, The 20th Century FOX movie orchestra, Blues and Soul Magazines Best Jazz Vocalist/3 time Bravo Award singer Sweet Baby Jai, Australia's "superman of entertainment" Patrick McMahon, GMA Spotlight Instrumental winner and Vibe Award Nominee/Smooth Jazz Artist Isaac Agyeman, and Adam Gubman movie, TV, video game composer.



Teacher credentials

I have been teaching for 18 years. In this time I've taught thousands of students, both in public education (classes of 20 - 30), given clinics, and taught hundreds of private students.

I taught at Beverly Hills Highschool, Irvine Highschool, El Rancho Highschool, and several others around Los Angeles and Orange County in southern California. My students have went onto prestigious music schools including USC and UCLA. I've taught for Recreational Music Center in San Diego as the lead drum instructor and curriculum developer, as well as was Director of Bands. I was also HEAD counselor for GRAMMY camp, an international camp for musicians 14 - 18 looking for a career in the music industry, sponsored by the GRAMMY'S.

What you will learn: My services



✓ **PLAY YOUR FAVORITE SONGS**

Learn how to play your favourite songs from your favourite bands. This is a great way to light the fire of passion for music. I believe strongly that this is the best way to learn music, hear music, and keep the passion going.



✓ **HOW TO READ MUSIC**

Learning how to read music is fundamental to being a good musician. It's like learning a new language. You won't perfect the language if you don't learn it. It also allows you to learn more in your own time and exponentially improve your abilities while learning the vocabulary for music.



✓ **HOW TO PLAY IN TIME**

If you want to be a great drummer, you need to know how to play with good time keeping skills. Through training with me you will learn all about the metronome and will regularly practice with different tempos and time signatures.



✓ **HOW TO PLAY WITH GOOD TECHNIQUE**

Good technique is crucial to being a good musician. Your abilities to play are only limited by your capacity to understand and exhibit good playing technique. It is also used for safety reasons as playing drums is very physical and playing wrong can lead to tendonitis and other physical ailments.

Terms and conditions

No contracts

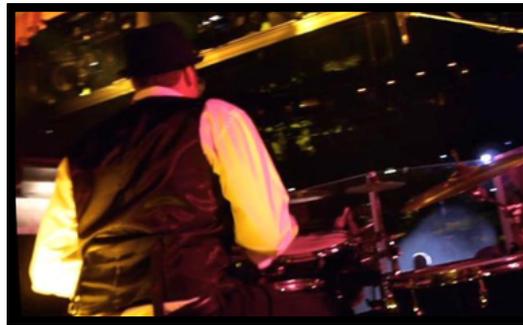
I don't require any contracts for my services; simple handshake agreements will do. All I ask in return is good faith agreements around my services. I love what I do and I am a very passionate teacher that simply wants to help others reach new levels of success with their musical journey.

Lesson commitments

Getting better and staying motivated with anything only happens with commitment. On top of that, this is an income for me, therefore **I require weekly drum lesson commitments** around my services. This typically means 4 lessons a month.

Lesson cancellations

Life has its complications, and from time to time, students need to cancel. This is not a problem. If a student cancels, **I will offer a make-up date and time or double the time of the next lesson.** For example, if your lesson is 30 minutes, I will make the next lesson one hour. If I need to cancel for any reason, the same principle applies.



Payments

Like most service based businesses I do **require monthly installments** for lessons, meaning a package of 4 lessons will be due up front. I ask that all monthly payments are made on the first of each month to confirm lesson times. For new students, before making monthly commitments I allow lesson by lesson payments to confirm you'd like to keep moving forward. Bank details are as follows:

Sort code is **20-26-23**

Account # is **53271242.**

Pricing:

4 Lessons a month

30 minutes = £80

45 minutes = £120

1 Hour = £160

HOME STUDIO



MY TEACHING SPACE

All lessons are done from my home - located off of Westleigh Avenue and London RD. Address is 75 Westleigh Avenue, flat 2, SS9 2LG on the ground floor. Simply come to the front, press number two on the keypad, and I will buzz you in for our lesson. Please arrive early prior to our scheduled time. There is street parking.



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Matt has patience abound with beginner drummers and puts you totally at ease. Within a few lessons i'm able to play along to certain songs. If anyone is looking for an enjoyable eacher, I recommend Matt!

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Russ Andrews

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THANK YOU

Again, thank you very much for choosing me to help you with your musical journey. I look forward to teaching you or your child. If you have any questions feel free to let me know.



TESTIMONIALS

"I started learning the beats, reading the notes and playing some of my favourite songs immediately."

"Matt is always encouraging and gives constructive feedback. I am excited to see my progress with Matt's lessons."

DR. BUKEM BYLES

"His ability to connect with kids is remarkable, fostering both their skills and confidence. Not only is he an amazing drummer, but he also inspires his students to reach their full potential. I highly recommend Matt to anyone looking to learn drums! And I'm still drumming!"

KRISTIE KAMBOURAKIS

"Our daughter is really enjoying her drum lessons with Matt, he has 2 drum set ups which is great for demonstrating techniques. Matt has an encouraging teaching style and having materials to take home is great for the continual practice at home between lessons. Would totally recommend to anyone wanting to learn drums!"

SIOBHAN REED