

Benjamin Tufts

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Washington, DC artist / educator / composer, drumset / percussion / electric bass

Classroom and Group Instruction (15 years teaching orchestral, marching and jazz ensembles)

- Percussion Instructor, Franklin Band & Orchestra Camp (2009 – present)
- Director, Middle School Honors Percussion Ensemble, Mason Academy (2012 – present)
- Percussion Director, TC Williams Marching Band (2016 – present)
- Percussion Instructor, Summer Percussion Camp, Mason Academy (2020 – present)
- Previously taught at Freedom HS, Westfield HS, Woodgrove HS, Mercer MS, George Mason HS, South Lakes HS, Franklin MS, Rocky Run MS, Rachel Carson MS, Ormond Stone MS

Private Instruction (22 years teaching jazz and rock drumset, orchestral and Latin percussion, electric bass, theory, composition and arranging, sound engineering and songwriting)

- Percussion Instructor, Contemporary Music Center (2005 – present)
- Drumset Instructor, 7DrumCity (2014 – present)
- Percussion Instructor, Music on the Hill (2021 – present)
- Previously taught at British School of Washington, Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Chantilly Music, A&A Music, Harrison Music and Alter Ego Music Studio

Drumset and Percussion Performance

1,200+ gigs across the US since 2011 with over 100 bands and artists, including jazz, rock, metal, punk, funk, top 40, Americana, pop, folk and more. Full itinerary available.

Recording and Production

Drums, percussion and electric bass on over sixty releases available across all digital and streaming services. Production, engineering and arranging experience. Full discography available.

Events Management and Philanthropy

Produced twenty artist showcases and tribute shows under the “Ben Tufts & Friends” moniker, involving the stage management of 40 - 50 artists per show. Raised over \$30,000 for the Craig Tufts Educational Scholarship Fund through these events since 2010.

Education

Master of Music, University of Maryland, College Park, MD (2006)

- Founder and coach, Latin Jazz Ensemble

Bachelors of Music, Longwood University, Farmville, VA (1999)

- Double concentration in education and composition

Software and Technology

Zoom (2,000+ virtual lessons since the beginning of the pandemic, using multiple camera angles)

Logic Pro X, Garage Band, Audacity (recording, editing and mixing multi-tracked audio)

References

John Kilkenny

Director of Percussion

George Mason University

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Retired Band Director

Fairfax County Public Schools

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Menzie Pittman

Director of Operations

Contemporary Music Center

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