

GABRIEL GIANNELLI

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PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR

Percussionist and drum instructor with 20+ years of performing and teaching experience, from private lessons and elementary group classes to high school clinics on national and international tours. Trained at the Governor's School for the Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Berklee College of Music, with two decades performing professionally in the Navy Bands program. Teaches drum set from beginner through advanced levels, and mallets, timpani, and hand percussion from beginner through intermediate, building lesson plans around each student's goals and pace. Currently an active performing drummer in the Baltimore/DMV corporate and wedding band scene.

SKILLS

Private & Group Lessons • Rudiments & Sight-Reading • Jazz, Rock & Contemporary Styles
Bandleading & Music Direction

INSTRUMENTS TAUGHT

- Drum Set: beginner through advanced
- Mallets, Timpani & Hand Percussion: beginner through intermediate

TEACHING & PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- Percussionist & Clinic Instructor**, U.S. Navy Bands

2003 – 2023

 - Taught percussion clinics for high school students during national and international performance tours.
 - Performed professionally as a percussionist in jazz, big band, and contemporary ensembles across 30+ countries.
- Private Percussion Instructor**, Music & Arts, Chesapeake, VA

2002 – 2003

 - Gave private drum lessons to students of varying ages and skill levels.
- Percussionist**, Royal Caribbean Cruises Orchestras

2001 – 2002

 - Performed as a touring percussionist in shipboard orchestras, adapting nightly to varied repertoire.
- Percussion Instructor**, The Governor's School for the Arts, Norfolk, VA

1999

 - Taught percussion technique and fundamentals within the school's pre-professional arts program.
- Instructor**, Elementary Student Percussion Ensemble, Norfolk Public Schools, Norfolk, VA

1999

 - Taught the Elementary Student Percussion Ensemble (grades 3-4), covering rhythm fundamentals and ensemble playing.

EDUCATION

- Berklee College of Music**, Boston, MA (Percussion Studies)

2000 – 2001
- Virginia Commonwealth University**, Richmond, VA (Jazz Studies)

1997 – 1998
- Governor's School for the Arts**, Norfolk, VA (Percussion, Performing Arts)

1995 – 1997