

Brandon Guerra

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Professional Musician with 12 years experience teaching marching percussion and drumset. Possesses a BA in Jazz Performance from Texas State University and studied with the legendary Butch Miles.

Honors and Awards:

- Endorsing Artist for Vic Firth Drum Sticks
- Endorsing Artist for Canopus Drums
- 2011 Section Leader of the Santa Clara Vanguard Drumline
- 2010 DCI World Champion Phantom Regiment percussion section - UIL State Solo and Ensemble Outstanding Soloist, Snare drum, 2008 - Texas State PASIC Drumline, 2nd Place, 2008
- Texas State PASIC Snare Ensemble, Composer and Performer, 1st Place, 2010
- Selected to perform in Xishuangbanna China as a representative of the city of Austin, and Texas State University.

Work Experience: May 2008 – Present

May 2008 – Aug 2008:

Drum line Technician (Churchill HS, San Antonio, TX)

- Taught technique program, composed and taught

music.

August 2010 – Nov 2010: Drum line Technician (Cedar Park HS, Cedar Park, TX)

August 2011 – Nov 2011: Drum line Technician (Ronald Reagan HS, San Antonio TX)

March 2013 – Present: Full time jazz artist.

- An average of over 250 gigs a year, touring experience, recording dates, and lessons.

Private Lesson Instructor (San Antonio / Austin, TX)

- Teach middle school – college students.
- Incorporate synthesizers and software into percussion lessons to create an exciting learning program.
- A balance of demonstrating playing, as well as letting the student play to receive feedback.

Notable Instructors:

- Butch Miles (Count Basie, Dave Brubeck)
- Johnny Vidacovich
- Ari Hoenig
- Jason Marsalis
- Shannon Powell
- Wayne Salzman II

Performance Experience:

- House Drummer and bandleader at the popular jazz club, Jazz TX in the historic Pearl Brewery in San Antonio. (2016-present)
- Primary drummer for Doc Watkins. Residencies at San Antonio's finest jazz bars, and multiple concerts in theaters around Texas.
- East and West Coast tours with Austin based funk band T-Bird and The Breaks. (2015)
- Regular performances with many of the top-call musicians in Austin, including Kevin Lovejoy (John Mayer, Spoon), Ephraim Owens (Tedeschi Trucks, Sheryl Crowe), Elias Haslanger (Ellis Marsalis, Church on Monday), Bruce Saunders (Berkeley faculty member), and many more.
- Played multiple jazz concerts for a sister cities week in Xishuangbanna, China. (2014)
- Drum set performances in New York City for Broadway actor/singer Aaron LaVigne (2009-2011)
- 2010 / 2011 Drum Corps International tour