

Banwarth Drum Studio
Drum set and percussion lessons

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About me: I am an accomplished amateur percussionist with 25 years of playing experience. I began playing percussion and drum set in middle school. I was my high school's principal jazz band drummer for 3 years and also played in pep band and a rock band. I have played with college bands and currently sit in with community jazz bands in the Willamette Valley. I have passed all requirements (background check, etc.) to work with children in schools and volunteer settings. I coach youth sports, volunteer, and substitute teach at district schools. I have an energetic first grader and a goofy black cat named Midnight.

My musical teaching approach: The most important skill a drummer has is the ability to listen to their fellow musicians. The drum set is more than just a time-keeping instrument. A drummer enhances and responds to melodies and rhythms played by the other musicians. Therefore I focus greatly on the musicality of the drum set. I take an aural approach to teaching. I have found that listening and playing along to songs in a variety of styles is the best way to develop into a musical drummer. In addition to a trained ear, a drummer needs to have the skill to play what they hear in their mind, and the wisdom to know the limits of their chops. We will work on basic skills (rudiments) that will help the drummer play more complex rhythms, and also learn the beauty of simple playing.

My styles: I teach drum set basics; jazz rhythms such as swing, bop, brush techniques, and shuffle; latin rhythms such as salsa, bossa nova, and samba; and rock styles such as hard rock, funk, and alternative rock. I also teach auxiliary (mostly latin) percussion instruments such as congas, bongos, and timbales.

Rate and schedule: I charge \$30 for a typical 45 minute lesson. The first lesson is free. A typical lesson will involve working on rudiments, teaching and practicing a musical style, and working with music to refine the student's style. For younger learners I offer a \$20, 30 minute lesson, and for more advanced learners, I offer a \$60, 1 hour 15 minute lesson. I will work with the student to determine which, if any, paper/pdf learning materials are most appropriate for practice at home.

I offer weekly lessons (Monday and Tuesday afternoons/evenings) and biweekly lessons (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).

Most drummers seek lessons so that they can play in an established band. However, I will be happy to schedule occasional recitals/performances for the student if requested.