

Jeff Brown

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Education

Eastman School of Music: postgraduate study

Master of Music: Valparaiso University

Bachelor of Arts:

Communications, Calumet College

Music, DePaul University & American Conservatory/Chicago

Teaching experience

Valparaiso University (1978 – 2021):

- Percussion Instructor
- Percussion Ensemble Director
- Coordinator of Jazz Studies
- Jazz Festival Producer and Founder
- Director of Student Jazz Combos
- Director of the University Jazz Ensemble
- Coordinator and Lead Music Industry/Business Instructor
- Founding member of the Valparaiso University Faculty Jazz Trio

Other:

- “Brown’s Music Bus” Founder and producer. Student assembly program that traces modern American music from post-World War II to the present.
- Guest Artist at numerous Northwest Indiana public schools 1980 to present.
- Artist in Residence with the National Endowment for the Arts/Indiana Arts Commission
- Combo Director - Drum Set Instructor, Jamey Aebersold Summer Jazz Workshops
- Percussion Instructor, Triton College, Illinois
- Percussion Instructor, Thornton Community College, Illinois
- Jazz Combo/Improvisation Instructor, New Trier High School, Illinois
- Staff clinician, Pearl Drums/Norlin Industries (endorsement)

Performance experience

Jazz Artists (*performed and/or recorded with - or presented in concert*):

Slide Hampton
Frank Foster
Roger Pemberton
Bobby Shew
Randy Brecker
Bob Mintzer
Ingrid Jensen
Shelly Yoelin
Bill Boris
Billy Pierce
Jerry Bergonzi
Terrell Stafford
John Fedchock
Fareed Haque
Eric Alexander

Maynard Ferguson
Clark Terry
Jamey Aebersold
Steve Turre
Bill Watrous
Claire Daly
Pat Harbison
Christine Jensen
Bobby Watson
Curtis Fuller
Vincent Gardner
Don Braden
Tom Malone
Jim Rotondi

Pop/Vegas Style Artists (percussion or drum set):

Bob Hope
Liberace
Carol Lawrence
Shields & Yarnell

Engelbert Humperdink
Robert Goulet
Aretha Franklin
The Lettermen

Varied Experience

- Jeff Brown Trio & Orchestra: Performances for clubs, restaurants, conventions, galas, fundraisers, weddings.
- Drum set & percussion performance with Chicago's leading music contractors at a variety of venues.
- Musician for Disney Productions, Orlando, Florida
- Musician for Opryland/WSM Productions, Nashville, Tennessee
- Regional Arts Commission/Indiana Arts Commission Board Member