



Performance Biography

Graydon Cramer is currently the band director for Brandon West at Waverly Park School in Brandon, Manitoba. He began playing drums at a very young age and formally studying the drum set at age 12. Graydon was recruited by Brandon University while still in high school to play in the Jazz ensemble. Having firmly established himself as a skilled and unique jazz drummer, Graydon broadened his musical concept by playing piano and vibraphone while studying percussion in a multitude of disciplines with Ben Reimer. His recent projects have included various Jazz group settings, the Celtic fusion group Anagram, the

NuPhunk Orchestra, Keytar Hero, Tom Foolery, and Chameleon. He has presented clinics and workshops with many different schools and other settings all over Manitoba and has maintained a private studio of drum students for the last 11 years. Past performances include two performances in Brandon University's Pro Series with musicians such as pianists Tom Van Seters, Kyoko Hashimoto, and Alexander Tselyakov. Graydon has also performed twice in the Clear Lake Chamber Festival with jazz pianist Michael Cain. He has also performed in both the Winnipeg and Saskatchewan Jazz festivals with the likes of Michael Cain, Greg Gatien, Dean McNeil, and the NuPhunk Orchestra. Graydon's wide range of musical study and versatile approach to drumming and percussion bring a multi-dimensional and unique approach to a number of musical settings.