

# ANNOUNCING: THE AVALON SCHOOL OF MUSIC SUMMER PERCUSSION CAMP

Taught by professional drummer: Barry James

Drummers Experience “The Greatest Summer of Your Life”

Individual instruction: master classes • drum clinics • play with the pros • seminars • roundtable discussions

**Five full days of fun From Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>  
From 9 AM till 4 PM at our East Colonial Drive Studios.**

- \*Study drumming for a specific style of music:  
Jazz, Latin, Rock, Double Bass, Soloing, and Marching Snare**
- \*Playing With A Combo Or Big Band.**
- \*Get Started On Drums (mastering the correct techniques)**
- \*Am I A Proficient Drummer?**
- \*How To Record Drums**
- \*Record A Song**
- \*Tuning Drums And Drum Head Selection, Stick and Mallet Selection.**
- \*Reading Rhythms**
- \*Rudiments And Technique**
- \*Marching Snare**
- \*Drum Set Duets & Soloing**
- \*Studying Different Drummers And How They Play**
- \*Hand Percussion**

- Improve your drumming technique (enjoy playing longer and improve musicality)
- Improve your core timing and coordination (find more grace, balance and awareness)
- Develop your sense of rhythm (timing is everything!)
- Identify rhythms, styles and genres (become more comfortable in different musical settings)

Enjoy playing music in groups (boost your confidence and capacity for speaking the language of music)

The five-day Summer Percussion Camp is designed to give percussion students the resources to further their percussion skills. Mr. James will cover many styles of percussion with emphasis given to the development of strong technical fundamentals and exposure to percussion ensemble playing.

Middle school through high school percussionists as well as adults students are encouraged to apply. Early application is recommended as the camp size will be limited

to allow students to receive significant instructional time. Current high school seniors are welcome.

At the beginning of the camp, students will be placed according to age and ability. Each student will have the opportunity to work with Mr. James and with more advanced students in the following areas and may request special instruction about them in an optional private lesson.

- **Grip and Snare Drum Technique:** Discussion will include how to grip the snare drum stick appropriately. The development of strong technique will be emphasized.
- **Drum Set:** Playing time and soloing will be discussed. Students will learn different styles of time playing, with special emphasis on Latin music, Jazz, and Funk as well as ethnic music. Classes will also discuss important drummers, especially in the history of jazz and rock music on the drumset.
- **Mallet Percussion:** Students will learn strategies for improving reading skills and proper technique on mallet instruments. Four mallet grips and technique will also be covered.
- **Symphonic Percussion:** Students will be exposed to proper technique using cymbals, tambourine, castanets, and other accessory instruments.
- **Timpani:** Tuning, proper playing techniques, sound production, and mallet selection will be covered.
- **Hand Percussion:** Styles of music will be offered for students in a hands-on context. Frame drum, congas, and other types of hand percussion will be covered.

**Other topics include: buying and finding mallets, solo percussion, counting, mixed meters, improvising, marching percussion, and preparing for college auditions.**

**Only \$275.00 includes 5 full days of extensive percussion training; plus lunch and snacks, access to all instruments, group and individual pictures, performance opportunities with professional musicians, and a certificate of course completion.**

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