

Christopher Brown

A consummate professional with 27 years of substantial experience to impart upon musicians at any age and ability level. A sought after instructor who prescribes the most efficient means of correcting any musical deficiency within minutes.

Areas of expertise include:

- History of stylistic developments
- Jazz Theory
- Arranging/Composition
- Concepts for solo vs. accompaniment strategies
- Pedagogy for drum set technique

Professional Experience:

US Army National Guard (USA), 2001-Present

Principle Saxophonist/Percussion Section Leader

Tasked with fulfilling both roles as per the needs of the unit within the areas of Popular, Concert, Jazz, and Marching band.

Rutgers University (NJ), 2007-2011

Evolution of Jazz

An intro course aimed at giving students a functional understanding of the history of Jazz music so as to enhance the quality of their compositional and performance habits.

Bandista Music Workshop (Czech Rep.), July 2010

Music Instructor

Provided individual and group lessons for piano, drums, and saxophone.

Rutgers University (NJ), Fall 2007

Jazz Theory

An intro course aimed at providing a framework for understanding the relationship between scales, chords, and rhythm as it relates to the Jazz aesthetic.

Litchfield Jazz Workshop (CT), August 2003

Drum Instructor

Assisted with individual and group lessons

NJPAC "Wells Fargo Jazz For Teens" (NJ), 2002-2012

Drum Instructor

Tasked with creating and teaching the curriculum for their preparatory drum department, in addition to accompanying the vocal Jazz class in rehearsals, performances, and recordings.

US Marine Corps (USA), 1995-1999

Percussionist

Tasked with the duties of the percussion section leader for Popular, Jazz, Concert, and Marching band within one of the two permanent duty stations assigned to.

Some performances with notable artist include: Branford Marsalis, Delfeayo Marsalis, Beyonce, Benny Golson, Jimmy Heath, Terry Gibbs, Buddy DeFranco, Roy Hargrove, Antonio Hart, Vincent Herring, Ralph Bowen, Ralph Peterson Jr., Stanley Cowell, Conrad Herwig, Steve Turre, Vic Juris, David Liebman, Craig Handy, Javon Jackson, Paquito D'Rivera, Arturo O'Farrill, Bobby Watson, Geoff Keezer, George Colligan, Ronnie Mathews, Sean Jones, Don Braden, Roseanna Vitro, Carla Cook, Chuck Israels, David Sanborn, Randy Brecker, Esperanza Spaulding, Don Alias, Mel Brown, etc.

Education:

- **MM, Jazz Studies** – Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2004-2006)

- **BM, Jazz Studies**—Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2000-2004)
- **Graduated**—Armed Forces School of Music, Norfolk, VA (Jan.-Jun.1996)
- **Graduated**—Woodrow Wilson High School, Portland, OR (1992-1995)