

Graydon Cramer is currently the band director for Brandon West at Waverly Park School in Brandon, Manitoba where he directs grade 7 and 8 concert band, Jazz band, and the divisional wind ensemble. He began playing drums at a very young age and formally studying the drum set at age 12. At age 15, Graydon was recruited by Brandon University to play in the University Jazz ensemble. He later went on to receive his B. Mus/B. Ed at Brandon University while studying under Greg Gatien and Ben Reimer. Past projects have included various Jazz group settings, the Celtic fusion group Anagram, the NuPhunk Orchestra, and Keytar Hero. Graydon is currently a member of the *Winnipeg Jazz Collective* and the R&B/swing band, "*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 14 years. Graydon has performed in numerous festivals and concert series across the prairies such as the Clear Lake Chamber Festival, Moose Jaw Band Festival, the Winnipeg and Saskatchewan Jazz festivals, Nu Sounds Series, and the Brandon University Pro Series with the likes of Michael Cain, Greg Gatien, Dean McNeil, and the Nuphunk Orchestra. He is also a long standing Jazz faculty member at the International Music Camp and clinician at the NorMan Jazz festival. 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.