

Matt Abraham

A native of Winnipeg Manitoba, Matt Abraham holds a Bachelor of Music (Percussion) and a Bachelor of Education (Instrumental Music) from the University of Manitoba. Principal percussion teachers include Jauvon Gilliam (National Symphony Orchestra, Washington) and Jeremy Epp (Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit). As a freelance musician, Matt started his professional career at the age of 18 with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra where he was part of a JUNO nominated recording project, and has frequently performed with many professional groups at home and abroad.

As an educator, Matt teaches a variety of instrumental music courses at Vincent Massey Collegiate (Winnipeg), and has been invited to present guest lectures and work with students at the University of Manitoba, Lakehead University, and Canadian Mennonite University where he also served as percussion instructor. He is also a faculty member at the International Music Camp (North Dakota), serving as percussion instructor. As a conductor and adjudicator, Matt has worked with honour bands, adjudicated festivals, guest conducted, and presented professional development sessions for many schools and organizations throughout Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Northwestern Ontario. Matt is the recipient of the Dr. Robert Fletcher Medal and Prize in Education from the University of Manitoba, the Builder's Award from the Canadian Music Educators Association, and has been nominated for a Manitoba Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Matt is proud to endorse Ludwig-Musser educational percussion, and Ludwig drums.