

Graydon Cramer is currently the band director for Brandon West Middle Schools at Waverly Park School in Brandon, Manitoba where he directs grade 7 and 8 concert band, Jazz band, the divisional 8/9 wind ensemble, and is also a highly sought-after freelance drummer, clinician, adjudicator, and music educator. He is very passionate about the growth of music and music education in the region with a mission to connect, and collaborate with, members of the community. Graydon completed his undergrad at Brandon University where he studied with Greg Gatien and Ben Reimer. He is a founding member of *Trio Antipodes* (Keith Price – guitar, Jeff Presslaff - piano) who released their debut album, “*Upside Downwards*” in the spring of 2019. He is also a founding member of the *Winnipeg Jazz Collective* and has toured and played many concerts and festivals throughout Western Canada with the likes of *Jeff Presslaff, Chameleon, Anagram, the Saskatoon and Winnipeg Jazz Orchestras, and the NuPhunk Orchestra*, and is featured on recordings by artists such as *Katherine Penfold, Sean Irvine, and Andrew Littleford*. Graydon has presented clinics and workshops with numerous schools and conferences all over Manitoba and has maintained a studio of drum set students for over 20 years. He has performed in a multitude of festivals and concert series across the prairies, served as an adjudicator for both concert bands and Jazz bands, and has conducted numerous school division honour bands throughout Manitoba. He is also a long-standing Jazz faculty member at the International Music Camp and clinician at the NorMan Jazz festival. Graydon co-founded and curates the music for the *After Hours* live concert and culinary series at Chez Angela Bakery in downtown Brandon which began in 2018 and has featured over 30 concerts. In 2018, Graydon successfully made the list of CBC Manitoba’s, “*Future 40*” and in 2019 he was selected to conduct the Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band. In 2020 Graydon received the Brandon University Alumni Association’s “*Distinguished Young Alumni Award*”.

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