

Born and raised in central Minnesota, Jonathan Tolleiv has built a diverse and dynamic career as a performer and educator. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Minnesota State University, Mankato, where he spent all four years teaching the drumline for the university's "Maverick Machine" Athletic Band. His early teaching career included work teaching grades 6–12 math in Mankato, followed by positions teaching 9–12 band and 6–8 English in New Orleans.

He later completed graduate studies in Percussion Performance at North Dakota State University, where he served as a graduate assistant with the Gold Star Marching Band, Percussion Ensemble, and University Band while also supporting large-scale university productions and events.

He has over 10 years of experience in the marching arts as both a performer and instructor, having participated in the MPA, WGI, DCA, and DCI circuits. His performance experience includes ensembles such as Minnesota Brass, The Govenaires, Bluecoats, Boston Crusaders, Minnesota Brass Indoor, River City Rhythm Indoor, and currently performs on the Minnesota Vikings Skol Line.

This fall, he will begin teaching middle school band at Rogers Middle School in Minnesota. He is excited to continue sharing his passion for percussion, musicianship, and performance with the next generation of young musicians through this summer's music camp.