

Luke Herbert

Session Drummer | Percussionist | Educator

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With over 20 years of experience as a session drummer and educator, I have performed at prestigious events like the Sydney 2000 Olympics and collaborated with multiple ARIA and Grammy Award-winning artists. My international experience as a studio musician in Nashville, combined with my work with Australian artists like OG Red Wiggle, Murray Cook to Grammy Winning - Lucky Oceans alongside Aria Winning Paul Kelly, showcases my versatility across various contemporary styles. My foundation in orchestral and classical music further enriches my teaching practice.

I am passionate about music education. I have taught in numerous Sydney schools and founded Pocket Percussion, an online platform reaching thousands of aspiring drummers worldwide. My endorsements by Red Cymbals and Dragon Fly Percussion highlight my industry recognition.

Check out www.lukeherbert.com for more.

Sincerely,

Luke Herbert

📁 Work History

2001 - present

Session Drummer

Multiple Artists , Worldwide

- Collaborated with: Brian Cadd, Stevie Wright, Murray Cook (OG Red Wiggle), Paul Kelly, Kasey Chambers, Fanny Lumsden, William Crighton, Ray Beadle, Grammy Winning Lucky Oceans, Don Walker (Cold Chisel) many others (Full list on website)
- Musical Theatre Shows: Tuned and Untuned percussion "Hair" the Musical, "Spelling Bee- Musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone", "Nine Musical," "Spring Awakening Musical."
- USA Studio Work: Quad Studios, Ocean Way Studios, Toy Box Studios, RCA Studio B, BlackBird Studios, and more.
- Solo Classical Percussion Performances - John Cage (Multiple Pieces) Steve Reich - Marimba Phase.

2023 - present

Drum Tutor

Musicworks, Central Coast , Australia

- Private Drum Tuition All Levels, All ages.

2023 - present

Drum Tutor, Percussion / Band Instructor & Bucket Drumming Teacher.

Sydney Catholic Schools Prim, Sydney, Australia

- Luke works as a drum and percussion tutor across the Parramatta Diocese at multiple schools working with bands, percussion sections and individual drum lessons from primary school level to HSC level.
- Schools taught for Sydney Catholic Schools (Captivate) -
- St Agnes Catholic High School
- Parramatta Marist High School
- St Pauls Catholic High School
- Bede Polding Catholic School k -12
- Catherine McAuley Girls High School

2019 - 2023

Drum Tutor, Band Percussion Tutor Tuned and Untuned Percussion

Thomas Hassall Anglican College

- Drum and Percussion tutor, leading various music and band programs.
- Junior band, Intermediate concert band, Senior Concert Band, Senior Jazz stage band, Year 4 band program teaching band over 40 percussionist each year. Having no musical skill to playing in band and reading music within one year.

2018 - 2020

Drum Tutor and Band Instructor

Bellevue Hill Public School, Eastern Suburbs, Sydney , USA

- Leading individual lessons and band rehearsals.

2018 - 2019

Glenmore Road Public School, Sydney, Australia

- Group and individual drum lessons.

2018 - 2020

Drum and Band Instructor

Woollahra Public School

- Drum lessons for band students.

2018

Marching Band Instructor

Killara High School, Sydney , Australia

- Established a marching drum line and taught students how to Play in a Drumline.

2018 - 2005

Drum Tutor & Percussion Ensemble Conductor

Oatley West Public School

- Individual drum lessons, established "Percussion Power" group
- Teaching individual drum students.

2016 - 2024

Drum Tutor

Music Suite, Bellevue Hill, Australia

- Drum and percussion lessons, concert preparations.

2017 - 2019

Drum tutor

Stormer Music, Penrith, Australia

- Established and taught a marching band drum line.
- Taught over 30 indiivudal drum lessons, weekly. All Levels, All Styles.

2001 - 2006

Drum tutor

Peakhurst High School

- Taught concert and jazz bands and individual drum lessons for 5 years

2001 - 2006

Individual drum tutor

Oatley West Public School

Luke taught Private lessons at this school and started a drumming group with dozens of students. Performing at school events and rehearsing regularly.

2002 - 2006

Drum tutor, Concert Band Instructor

Peakhurst West Public School, Sydney, Australia

Year 2-6. Drum Lessons.

2003 - 2006

Drum tutor, instructor

Sylvania High School

Established a Marching band Drum Line and took indivudal drum and group drum lessons.

2004 - 2005

Individual drum tutor

Strathfield School Of Music

Drum tutor. All Ages and Levels.

2005 - 2006

Drum tutor

Strathfield Girls High School

Drum Lessons weekly with over 40 drum students weekly.

2010 - 2012

Drum Tutor

St George Girls Selective High School, Kogarah , Australia

Individual Drum lessons including HSC preparation for music.

2010 - 2011

Drum Tutor - All years

Homebush Boys High School, Sydney, Australia

Individual Drum Lessons

2010 - 2024

Drum Tutor

Five Dock School of Music, Five Dock

Individual Drum Lessons, weekly. All Ages, All Levels.

2023 - present

Drum Tutor - Group Lessons and Individual

Saint Sophia, Catholic Schools , Sydney , Australia

Individual and Group Drum Tutor. K-12



Education

2011 - 2013

Classical, B Mus

Australian Institute of Music, Sydney

2001 - 2006

Private Study

Jack Savage (Jazz drummer) Lloyd G (Sydney Drummer)

Luke studied with Lloyd from age 12 into his early 20's taking weekly drum lessons.

1998 - 2000

Tafe , Music Business Skills 1 and 2

GyMEA Tafe , Sydney

1995 - 2000

HSC

Peakhurst High School

2006 - 2006

Private Study

Bernard Purdie (Studio legend) Joe Morello (Jazz legend), Newyork City

- present

APRA Songwriting Member

Apra



Skills

Drums & Percussion - All Levels, All Styles needed.

Music theory Expertise - Reading and writing.

Tuned Percussion - Vibraphone, Marimba, Hand Percussion, Timpani Drums, Xylophone, Glockenspiel.

Group Lesson Specialist for drum lessons, bucket drumming, Percussion Sections for school bands Training bands, Concerts Bands, Jazz and rock ensembles, Marching bands and more



Languages

English

Narelle Lucas

BCA Amusa Cert. Teaching DipEd. , High School Music Teacher

It gives me great pleasure to write this testimonial for Luke Herbert. I have known Luke since he started high school, in the capacity of teacher, fellow musician, my employee, my children's babysitter and music tutor and family friend.

Luke was a dedicated and highly motivated member of Peakhurst High schools band program over six years. He played as lead percussionist in the concert band and Stage Band. He displayed through these groups that he is diligent in practise, possesses excellent communication skills and that he is extremely reliable. An example of his dedication to his craft can be seen when he accompanied 1999 HSC students, learning over fifty pieces of music and attending rehearsals in every spare minute of his time. In 2000 when he sat for the HSC he also accompanied his classmates. Luke was rewarded for these efforts with a nomination for ENCORE, outstanding HSC music performances and an excellent music HSC result.

Luke has performed professionally in a variety of groups and genres from the 2000 Olympic Games Marching Band to his own contemporary bands.

Since school I have employed Luke as a drum tutor at Peakhurst High school and Oatley Public school. He has an excellent rapport with students and an extremely high work ethic. He is always reliable and cooperative with the ever changing needs of school programs.

On occasions when I have needed help Luke has also babysat my children, to their excitement, as he is very able to keep them entertained. Lukes' great sense of humour and his positive personality have made him a popular man with his peers, his students, his employers and my children.

Luke is also a talented actor and magician, talents, which he has utilised working at children's parties and performing in plays. I have seen his magic show on several occasions and have always found it entertaining. He also performed at my sons 4th birthday and helped out as my son wanted a drumming, magic party. It was a very successful day and I still get calls for his number. My son now learns drums off Luke and is enjoying every minute. It is with great pleasure that I recommend Luke as sincere, trustworthy, reliable, professional and entertaining.

If you wish to know more please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Narelle Lucas

Angela Brown

Band Director and Music Teacher (B.Ed. Mus. M.Ed CA.) , Oatley West Public School

Luke has been a reliable and productive member of our team, supportive and dedicated in all musical performances.

He has shown an excellent understanding of students and their individual learning needs achieving outstanding results. He has gone beyond his duties organizing unique performance opportunities for his students that they would not normally be able to experience.

His rapport with his students was at all times professional, his students respecting his skill and being inspired as a result.

I would be pleased to recommend Luke as a potential employee.

Linda Baker

Music Industry Executive , Warner Brothers

"I have worked as an executive in the industry since 1977 for Warner Bros Records and in that time I worked along side the worlds greats including John Lennon, Paul Simon, Madonna and Eric Clapton to name a few.

Luke is a world class musician and is a very welcomed addition to the Nashville Music Community. "

Chris Jinga

Head Teacher, Creative and Performing Arts, Georges River Colege, Peakhurst Campus

I have know Luke Herbert for many years in my capacity as Head Teacher of Creative and Performing Arts at Peakhurst High School. Luke has been a student at our school before my arrival and was beginning his music career which included Percussion tutoring at this time. Luke has been employed by the Department of Education as a music tutor and has worked in other schools in our region.

Luke has worked with both elective music students and band program students at Peakhurst High and has been

dedication to be of the highest quality. He is a skilled musician with a very perceptive , patient and calm manner with the students.

Luke has always made himself available to assist and participate in music activities beyond school hours attending annual music camps and concerts. Our parents have on many occasions commented on their satisfaction with Luke's tutoring achievements and are also keen to see him return to our school

Richard Dodd

Richard Dodd Five Time Grammy Award winning Producer (Tomy Petty, Bob Dylan, George Harrison), Record Producer

"Being in the enviable position of meeting many of the world's most talented musicians I occasionally work with someone who is a uniquely gifted. Luke Herbert, in my opinion, is one such musician. Luke brings an ability to combine the many parts of composition and performance that is both fresh and mature.

This combination is rare and places Luke well above the average musician. Luke is just the type of person our music industry can never have enough of.

Luke is indeed an outstanding artist with the ability to make a considerable contribution to our industry."

Michael McDonald

Grammy Award Winning Singer Songwriter

"Luke Herbert in my opinion is one the most talented drummers I've come across in all my years in the music business. His finesse and understanding of modern music is something that many drummers never achieve much less acquire at such an early stage in their careers. I believe that Luke is destined to make a real contribution to contemporary music in these coming years. "