

BEN TUFTS

EXPERIENCE

Fall 2003—Fall 2005

University of Maryland Jazz Ensembles

- Extensive experience interpreting charts for both large and small ensembles, and leading rhythm sectional rehearsals.
- Founder, coach and arranger for Latin Jazz Ensemble.

June 2004– Dec 2005

Retrospect (DC-metro top 40 wedding/variety band) Ellicott City, MD

March 2005—August 2005

Suzukiton (Richmond, VA-based instrumental progressive metal)

- Crucial Blast Records recording artists
- Summer 2005 tour included 20 dates in major US cities

Performance highlights:

- David “Fathead” Newman (Ray Charles)
- Chris Vadala (Chuck Mangione)
- Guest Soloist 2006 Longwood University Honors HS Jazz Band

Musical Theatre Experience

- Footloose, Godspell, Seussical, Pippin, The Mikado, etc.

EDUCATION

2003—present University of Maryland College Park, MD

- M.M., Music Performance, Jazz Studies
- Studied with Steve Fidyk (Army Blues)
- Lessons with Jim Chapin, Joe Morello

1994-1999 Longwood University Farmville, VA

- B.M. Music Education, Music Composition (3.7 cumulative GPA)
- Principal percussionist Longwood Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble
- Co-founder, arranger, Longwood Jazz Combo

EMPLOYMENT

Aug 1999 — Apr 2005 Alter Ego Music Studio Herndon, VA

- Drumset and electric bass instructor

Nov 2002—present Chantilly Music Chantilly, VA

- Drumset and electric bass instructor

Sep 2005—present Harrison Music Richmond, VA

- Percussion instructor

Oct 2005—present Contemporary Music Center Chantilly, VA

- Drumset instructor

References available upon request • (571) 278-1116 • contact@bentufts.com