



**Grammy** nominated musician **Sammy K** began his professional career at the age of 13 in Michigan. While earning his degree in Political Science and Communications at Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. Sammy performed as a member of the multi award winning Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band, and the nationally recognized Spartan Drum Line. He was selected as a member of the “**All American College Band**” at Disneyland, under the direction of the legendary Art Bartner, and led his own band to 3 consecutive Best Band Awards in the **Down Beat Magazine** international competition (**6** total DB’s). During his tenure as the Drummer for Michigan State University’s Jazz Band I, Western Michigan University’s Jazz Orchestra, and the premiere college vocal ensemble Gold Company, Sammy received numerous solo and best band awards at festivals and competitions. While at WMU Sammy studied with his mentor–the renown Jazz Drummer *Billy Hart*. He then became a Drummer in the **United States Air Force Band of Flight** where he performed in the Concert, Marching, Jazz and Rock bands while traveling extensively in the US.

Sammy has been active as a Clinician and/or performer at: International Association of Jazz Educators International Conference, Music For All Summer Symposium–Yamaha Sounds of Summer, Brandon Jazz Festival, Indianapolis Jazz Festival, Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival, Percussive Arts Society Invitational Marching Competition, Optimist Jazz Festival, North Dakota State University Jazz Festival, Notre Dame Jazz Festival, Aquinas College Jazz Festival, Spartan Invitational Marching Competition, Southwest Ohio Jazz Festival, Central Michigan University Jazz Festival, Miami Valley Jazz Camp, Bands of America Marching Competition, Show Choir Camps of America, Gold Company Invitational Vocal Jazz Festival, and the International Music Camp. He works with school Districts around the US and Canada as a guest instructor for their Jazz and Rock Bands, and has been the Drum Line Instructor for multiple award winning high school programs. He created the “**Groove Boot Camp**” program of intense Drum Set instruction and has been presenting that program to students and Educators in the US and Canada.

Based in Los Angeles, Sammy K has performed and or recorded for a list of Artists that includes:

Alan Paul (Manhattan Transfer), Michael Orland (American Idol), Engelbert Humperdinck, Bob Hope, Lucy Lawless, Burt Bacharach, Levi Kreiss (Tony winner), Kenny Cetera, Jon Hendricks, Dennis Tufano (The Buckingham), Jimmy Heath, Trini Lopez, Los Angeles Laker Band, Matt Falker, Bobby Vinton, Zara (Dire Straights, Bob Geldof), The Platters, Orville Stoeber (multi platinum songwriter Huey Lewis etc), Buselli/Wallarab Big Band, Valimar Jansen (**Unity Award winning Song and Album of the Year**), The Nelson Riddle Orchestra, Steve Turre, Peggy Blu, The Mills Brothers, Western Michigan University Jazz Orchestra, David Pomeranz, Wes Anderson (Lincoln Center Jazz), Travis Howard (multi platinum songwriter Miranda Lambert), Kate Miner, Dave Brubeck, Gold Company, Amy Cook, Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show, Imelda Papin, The Ink Spots, Dr Scott Belck, Alesandra Rosaldo, The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Michigan State University Jazz Band One, John Lafayette Ramey and The Orchestra and Harry Connick Sr.

Grammy winners Ray Bardani, Ted Perlman and Mike Acosta utilize Sammy's grooves for their recording and live projects and he has appeared on the Emmy Award winning "**Wayne Brady Show**", "**Ally McBeal** with KC and the Sunshine Band and Josh Groban, "**Unsung Heroes**" on CMT and in the films "**The Fast and the Furious**" and "**The Spaces In Between: On The Road With Amy Cook**". He can be heard on **Mythbusters**, **The L Word**, and in the film "**Confessions of an Eco-Terrorist**".

The clients that have used his talents include: The Walt Disney Company, Ferrari, NBC, The Hal Leonard Publishing Company, Much Music Television, the Six Flags Corporation, Daimler-Chrysler, ABC, the International Toys for Tots campaign and CBS.

In addition to his Drum Set career, Sammy is a Drum Circle Facilitator for both **REMO** inc and **UpBeat Drum Circles**. He is co-creator of the body based percussion game/teaching tool "**Body Beat**" which is used Internationally by recreational drummers and educators alike. He also Co-Produced music used at the **United Nations** International Conference On Children, and the soundtracks for the stage shows "The Winter Dance Party" and "Buddy, Roy & Elvis."

Sammy proudly endorses **Remo** Drum Heads, **Zildjian** Cymbals, **Yamaha** Drums, **Vic Firth** Drum Sticks, **Cympad**, **Kotz** Cajons and **Big Bang Distribution**.

You can get more information about him at [www.slamminsammyk.com](http://www.slamminsammyk.com).