

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, and led his own band to 3 consecutive Best Band Awards in the **Down Beat Magazine** international competition (**6** total DB’s). While at WMU Sammy studied with his mentor—the renown Jazz Drummer Billy Hart, performed in the premier Vocal Jazz ensemble Gold Company, and the WMU Jazz Orchestra. Sammy won an audition for 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, North Dakota State University Jazz Festival, Notre Dame Jazz Festival, Aquinas College Jazz Festival, Spartan Invitational Marching Competition, Southwest Ohio Jazz Festival, Miami Valley Jazz Camp, Optimist Jazz Festival, Bands of America Marching Competition 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: Bob Hope, Alan Paul (Manhattan Transfer), Michael Orland(American Idol), Engelbert Humperdinck, Lucy Lawless, Burt Bacharach, Levi Kreiss (Tony winner), Kenny Cetera, Jon Hendricks, Dennis Tufano (The Buckingham), Jimmy Heath, Travis Howard (multi platinum songwriter Miranda Lambert), Los Angeles Laker Band, Buselli/Wallarab Big Band, Bobby Vinton, Dave Brubeck, Orville Stoeber(multi platinum songwriter Huey Lewis etc), Wes Anderson(Lincoln Center Jazz) and Harry Connick Sr. Grammy winners *Ray Bardani*, *Ted Perlman* and *Mike Acosta* utilize Sammy’s grooves for their recording and live projects. He has appeared on or played music for: “**Wayne Brady Show**”, “**Ally McBeal**” with *KC&The Sunshine Band* and *Josh Groban*, “**Unsung Heroes**” on CMT and in the films “**The Fast and the Furious**”, “**The Spaces In Between: On The Road With Amy Cook**”, “**The L Word**”, “**Mythbusters**” and “**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.

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.slammingsammyk.com.