

Keller Paulson

Drums/Percussion
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Education

- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO** **Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2014**
Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance and Jazz Studies. 3.8 GPA.
- Northwest College, Powell, WY** **Aug. 2010 – May 2012**
Associate of Music in Music Performance and Music Education. 3.8 GPA.

Tour Experience

- Satsang** **Feb. 2015 – Present**
▪ Have toured in 25+ states including Alaska, California, Florida, New York, and have played in Costa Rica.
- Satsang Support Tours**
▪ Support for Jon Wayne and the Pain – Feb. 2016
▪ Support for Nahko and Medicine for the People – June 2016, November 2016
▪ Support for Trevor Hall – March 2017, June – July 2017
▪ Support for Michael Franti and Spearhead – Feb. 2017, June 2017, Aug. 2017
- Parker Brown Band** **Dec. 2016**
O'Connor Brothers Band **May 2016**
Alex Nauman Organ Trio **July 2015**

Rock/Jazz Drumset Experience

- Satsang** **Feb. 2015 – Present**
▪ Conscious folk/soul music group. Nationally touring. Sophomore album, *Pyramid(s)*, debuted #7 on Billboard Top Reggae Charts (as of March 2017).
- Parker Brown Band** **Jan. 2015 – Present**
▪ Blues/rock group based out of Billings, MT.
- Keller Paulson Electric Band** **Jan. 2012 – Present**
▪ Band consisting of Fender Telecaster, Fender Rhodes, and Fender P-Bass playing original compositions by Paulson and reharmonizations of pop music in a soul-jazz setting.
- Downtown Billings Jazz** **May 2015 – Present**
▪ Play a key role in the Billings, MT jazz community. Play regularly with guitarist Alex Nauman, guitarist/bassist Parker Brown, keyboardist Erik Olson, and many others. Have acted as part of the backing band to guest performers such as Nick Mancini, Ron Blake, and John Harbaugh.
- Ace Gillett's Jazz Lounge** **Feb. 2013 – May 2015**
▪ Acted as the first on-call substitute for this Ft. Collins, CO jazz club. The club features Colorado's greatest jazz musicians such as Peter Sommer, Ben Markley, Josh Quinlan, Gabriel Mervine, Wil Swindler, and many more.
- Colorado State University Lab I** **Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2014**
▪ Played drumset in CSU's top performing jazz band. Through this, have had the opportunity to play with Ingrid Jensen, John Fedchock, Paul Hanson, and many others.

Orchestral and Chamber Experience

- Billings Symphony Orchestra** **Jan. 2016 – July 2016**
▪ Drumset, snare drum, tambourine, and auxiliary percussion. Conducted by Mrs. Anne Harrigan.
- Colorado State University Percussion Ensemble** **Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2014**
▪ Timpani, keyboard percussion, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and auxiliary percussion. Conducted by Dr. Eric Hollenbeck and Mr. Shilo Stroman.

Orchestral and Chamber Experience cont'd

- Colorado State University Symphony Orchestra** Jan. 2013 – Dec. 2014
- Timpani, keyboard percussion, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and auxiliary percussion. Conducted by Maestro Wes Kenney.
- Colorado State University Wind Ensemble** Aug. 2012 – May 2013
- Timpani, keyboard percussion, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and auxiliary percussion. Conducted by Dr. Christopher Nicholas (2012) and Dr. Richard Frey (2013).
- Northwest Civic Orchestra** Jan. 2011 – May 2012
- Timpani, keyboard percussion, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and auxiliary percussion. Conducted by Mr. Tim Schoessler.

Education Experience

- Sheridan College** Jan. 2015 – Present
- Adjunct instructor of percussion and drumset.
- Billings Day of Jazz** Feb. 2016, Feb. 2017
- Guest clinician and performing artist for the Billings Day of Jazz in Billings, MT.
- Northwest Jazz Festival** March 2014, March 2015, March 2016
- Guest clinician and performing artist for the Northwest Jazz Festival in Powell, WY.
- Summer Music Camp, Casper, WY** June/July 2010, June/July 2011
- Timpani, keyboard percussion, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and auxiliary percussion. Conducted by Dr. Christopher Nicholas (2012) and Dr. Richard Frey (2013).
- Private Instruction** 2007 – Present
- Private instruction for snare drum, mallets, and drumset.

Discography

- Satsang – Pyramid(s)** 2017
- Parker Brown – We Were Young** 2016
- Alex Nauman Organ Trio – Live at the Pub Station** 2015
- Organomatron – Organomatron E.P.** 2015
- Keller Paulson Quintet – Live at Lunch** 2014
- O'Connor Brothers Band – E.P.** 2014
- Too Many Teeth – 1944** 2013

Honors

- Louis Armstrong Jazz Award** 2010
- Wilkerson Most Outstanding Musician Award** 2010
- Northwest College Most Outstanding Musician Award** 2012

Instructors

- Dr. Eric Hollenbeck** 2012 – 2015
D.M., percussion performance, Northwestern University; M.M., percussion performance, University of Illinois; B.A., percussion performance, Kent State University.
- Mr. Shilo Stroman** 2012 – 2015
M.M., percussion performance, Colorado State University; B.M., percussion performance, Colorado State University.

Instructors cont'd

Mr. Ronnie Bedford

2008 - 2012

Dr. Terry Gunderson

2007 - 2010

D.A., percussion pedagogy and performance, University of Northern Colorado; M.M., percussion performance, University of Miami; B.M., percussion performance, Colorado State University.

References

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