

## Supporting Music in the Curriculum Rhythm Workshops in your school.

Building on the success of the 'Back 2 the Beat' drum clinics, group tutorials and workshops, we have developed a package of rhythm workshops specifically for schools and colleges across the region. These workshops are designed to support students following the current music syllabus at G.C.S.E. but will be of equal importance to all students interested in music. In addition, the workshops can be tailored to meet the specific requirements of each individual school and its examining body.

Each class is run by Mr Steve Timms who has had a successful and widespread career as a professional session musician backing some of the world's top artists. For the past 8 years he has also worked as a peripatetic music teacher, teaching both practice and theory for Essex Music and working in Schools and Colleges for performing arts across Essex. Steve is also the head of Percussion for Academy East at the Colchester Institute.

The workshops offered run for 2½ hours each and can be booked individually (½ day) or together (full day).

### **Workshop Details:**

#### **Rhythm section workshop**

During this workshop the various rhythms will be demonstrated e.g. Jazz, Rock, Pop, Funk and Reggae with a breakdown and examination of the fundamentals of how and why these rhythms work. We will explore the different musical styles and their origins and pick out one or two bands that have developed a particular and distinctive style.

There will be an inclusion element for other musicians/students to play guitar, bass guitar, drums or keyboards in this workshop.

#### **Samba or Salsa and African Rhythms Workshop**

This is a fully interactive workshop where each student will learn to read, write and play either Salsa, Samba or African Rhythms. The rhythm chosen will depend on the syllabus requirements of each school's chosen examining body. By breaking these rhythms down, each student develops a clearer understanding of how rhythm works and how to apply it.

We have found that students love playing rhythms together using percussion instruments and consequently this workshop is always very popular.

Maximum number of students per workshop is 30.



If time permits there will also be a talk on 'Life as a professional musician' - the expectations of the students verses the reality of the job, together with useful pointers on how to pursue a career in the music business should they so choose. The aim of these workshops is to inspire music students of all abilities and to develop their skills, confidence and musical understanding through these fully interactive and informative classes.

**Cost:**

The cost of the workshops is as follows:

Half day session     £180

Whole day session   £300

If you would like any further information or would like to book either of these sessions, please contact the office on the number provided below. Alternatively you can email us on [info@back2thebeat.co.uk](mailto:info@back2thebeat.co.uk) with your chosen dates and requirements.

For more information about Back 2 the Beat or our Drum Academies, you can log onto [www.back2thebeat.co.uk](http://www.back2thebeat.co.uk)

Many thanks for your time and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully

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