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## OBJECTIVE

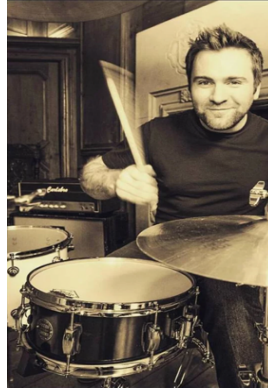
To utilise the skills and talents that I am still constantly working to further refine and develop.

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## SKILLS

Performing, improvising, sight reading, transcribing, studio work, playing to click, tutoring, audio engineering, video editing

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## EXPERIENCE

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### FREELANCE DRUMMER

2005 - present

Featured internationally on television, radio, newspaper.  
Performing & Recording drummer  
Endorsements: Beier Drums USA, Porter & Davies, Cympad, Vratim, Evans Drumheads

### DRUMKIT TUTOR & EDUCATOR

2004 - present

RWJ Drumstore, Perth 2004 - 2007  
First Class Drums – Inverness, Macduff & Online  
Youth Music Initiative, Creative Scotland, Aberdeenshire Council, MusicPlus, MusiCares

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## EDUCATION

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### HND MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Perth College UHI

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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1<sup>st</sup> Place in UK Section of the International Shure Drum Mastery Competition 2011

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# Discography & Career Highlights



**2005 – 2009 – Drummer - Fabiola Gatti aka “Fabs” (Uruguay)**  
 Releasing several records internationally, Fabs had some strong success. The band received international feature in magazines, newspapers, radio and television. Most notably contributing music to the hit US Cartoon Network series "Stoked" and appearing on MTV around the world.  
 Releases: Many international CD, vinyl and digital single releases.



**2010 – Present – Director & Founder - First Class Drums**  
 I started my drumkit tuition business "First Class Drums" in 2010. Starting solely in Macduff, I expanded to Inverness in 2014. I currently teach between both locations and online via Skype.  
[www.firstclassdrums.com](http://www.firstclassdrums.com)



**2011 – present – Gavin Sutherland of The Sutherland Brothers**  
 Since 2011, I have been Gavin's go-to drummer, working with iconic producers such as Muff Winwood and legendary studio engineer Richard Digby Smith (Chief Engineer Island Records).  
 Notable releases:  
 The Big World Dance Band (Online Collaboration Project) – 2011  
 A Traveller's Tales (CD and Digital Release) – 2019  
 The Wishing Tree (CD and Digital Release) – 2020  
 Uncovered Numbers (A Tribute to Iain Sutherland) (Digital) – 2022

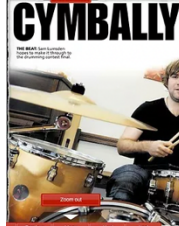
# Sam bids to drum up votes

Musician plays for international award

By GRAHAM CRAWFORD



Sam Lumsden in the Gorge Street Hall, Macduff, where he gives drumming lessons.



# Drummer tops online poll

By Laura Robertson

A NORTH-EAST drumming tutor has beaten his way to success in a UK-wide competition.

Sam Lumsden won the Shure Drum Mastery event after attracting around 5,000 votes for a video of his performance. He came first by about 400 votes in the UK section of the online competition. The 26-year-old tutor for First Class Drums said: "I'm delighted to get through to the next stage as I didn't think that the video was good enough when I submitted my first take."

Sam, who lives and teaches in Macduff, will now be up against other semi-finalists from various countries.

Judges will then choose the top five videos from the semi-final, and those drummers will compete against each other in Reykjavik, Iceland, in March.

Sam said: "Getting to go over to Iceland would be a lot of fun as it's somewhere I've always fancied visiting. "I'll get a drumming masterclass if I make it over there too."

Sam entered the competition after reading about it in a drumming magazine and his friend Neil Sorrie con-

Tom Green, who I'd met in August in Edinburgh – to retweet to vote for me.

"I also got Sandi Thom to post it on her Facebook – the drummer from Whitesnake and the drummer from the Housemartins also posted it. I'm very grateful for their help."

To enter the competition, each contestant was given the same piece of music and had to make it their own.

And Sam decided to play three different styles of drumming.

This isn't his first brush with the big time as after studying at music college he became a professional drummer who played with Uruguayan popstar Fabiola Gatti.

And if he gets through to the final of the competition, Sam said he may consider going professional again.

He added: "It's all about opportunity so I'd give the professional thing a go again."



2011 – International Shure Drum Mastery Competition – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the UK Section  
The public voted me number one in the UK section of the Shure Drum Mastery Competition 2011.



2012 – Present - Music Education Project Coordinator  
Since 2012 I have been working with various charities, organisations, schools and local authorities to design and deliver exciting music education opportunities for all ages. Some of the organisations include: Youth Music Initiative, Creative Scotland, Musicares, MusicPlus, The Scottish Government, Aberdeenshire Council, Scottish Music Centre, Action For Children etc.



2015 – Sharky Sharky – Super Awesome Megarock  
I recorded drums for the album "Super Awesome Megarock" by the cartoon band Sharky Sharky. Working with the animators and costume designers responsible for Star Wars: The Clone Wars, this cartoon band has enjoyed international radio play and has also featured on hit TV Show "Britain's Got Talent". The clip is still featured on the Britain's Got Talent YouTube Channel, to an audience of over 17.9 million subscribers.





2017 – Finalist – Tony Visconti: A Life in Music  
 I was selected as a finalist musician to appear on the Sky Arts television show "Tony Visconti's A Life In Music".

2017 - Present – Drummer – Celtic Rouge  
 Wedding & Function Band

I play wedding, ceilidhs and functions all over the UK with Celtic Rouge Wedding & Function Band.

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2017 - 2019 - Recording & Performing Drummer – Ernest  
 Rambles

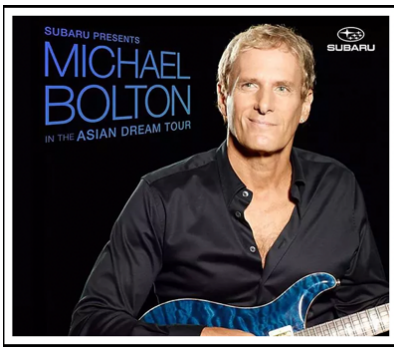
I joined the band Ernest Rambles in 2017.  
 The band performed at several festivals, opening for bands such as Primal Scream.

In 2018, the band released an EP entitled The Torridon Sessions, which was Album of The Week on BBC Radio Scotland.  
 Digital Release: The Torridon Sessions - 2018



2018 – Nancy K Dillon – A Game of Swans  
 I played drums on the song “Poor Man’s Lullaby” for Seattle based country singer Nancy K Dillon. The song features on her 2018 album “A Game of Swans”.

Digital & CD Release: A Game of Swans - 2018



2019 – Michael Bolton – Asian Dream Tour – TV Series  
I was hired to transcribe and notate drum parts that were to be performed on "Michael Bolton's Asian Dream" reality TV show, which was filmed in Singapore. Most of the material was (at the time) unreleased songs that Michael was debuting on the TV Show.



2020 – Notation Consultant – Rock the Halls  
UK Theatre Production

I was hired to transcribe and notate drum parts for the hugely successful Whitehall Theatre, Dundee annual production of Rock the Halls.

# Current Endorsements & Affiliations



Evans Drumheads



Beier Drums

<https://www.beierdrums.com/sam-lumsden-fcd-independent>



Porter & Davies

[HTTPS://WWW.PORTERANDDAVIES.CO.UK/ARTIST/SAM-LUMSDEN/](https://www.porteranddavies.co.uk/artist/sam-lumsden/)



Cympad

<https://www.cympad.com/de/content/170/72/artists/artist-roster#L>



Vratim

<https://www.vratim.com/sam-lumsden.html>



## Showreel

My YouTube channel features hundreds of sheet music demonstration videos that I make for my students. A lot of the performances are sight read without any previous preparation. Every performance is a complete take from start to finish.

My YouTube Channel - [www.youtube.com/samlumsdendrum](http://www.youtube.com/samlumsdendrum)

Here is a direct link to my showreel playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIe2koTQIqs&list=PLHR6XnznxkMAyno3Ov8aX4v5nWcRhInBe>

