

Shilo Stroman is a musical chameleon determined to fit into any musical situation supported by his wide ranging musical skill set, a laid back attitude and a desire to push himself artistically. His thirst for performing began at the age of 5 when his parents purchased a toy drum set. Armed with his dad's record collection, an empty basement and chopsticks as drumsticks, the journey began. He continues on this path with a diverse schedule of performing, composing and teaching.

A versatile performer, Mr. Stroman's credits range from playing triangle in symphony orchestras, electric bass in salsa bands, drums in funk bands and flower pots in chamber groups. Performing Stroman originals, *Red Hot Chili Pepper* covers and the occasional country tune, Shilo's contemporary jazz quartet, *Square Peg* released their first recording, "Searching" in 2013. He performed the world premier of James David's "Scala Enigmatica" for solo vibraphone and symphonic band in 2016. In 2006, he commissioned and performed the world premiere of "Sticks and Stones" variations for drumset and wind ensemble by Jim Bonney. Shilo can also be heard on various Jazz, Rock and singer/songwriter recordings.

As an educator, Shilo is senior instructor of Percussion and Jazz at Colorado State University where he teaches lessons, drumline, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Pedagogy, Jazz History, Percussion Methods, Marching Band Techniques and Jazz Ensemble II. Mr. Stroman is also very active in the marching arts and arranges for several WGI groups and high school marching bands around the country. He also recently served as the Artistic Director/Front Ensemble Arranger for The Battalion Drum and Bugle Corps.

Shilo's love of travel and sharing his passion for music education has led him to presenting clinics, adjudicating festivals and judging competitions. He has presented clinics at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, state music education conferences, middle schools, high schools and colleges throughout the United States. He has adjudicated at the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival, The Kinser Jazz Festival as well as many smaller Jazz festivals. He also regularly judges marching band and indoor percussion contests around the country.

Shilo is a Yamaha Performing Artist and a proud endorser of Promark, Evans, and Sabian products.