



# JAZZ PERCUSSION GROUP

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The UWG Jazz Percussion Group is a unique form of percussion ensemble. In fact, it is one of only six in the nation. The Jazz Percussion Group performs music transcribed for vibes, marimbas, bass, and drums. Performances combine the visual excitement of percussive playing with the rhythmic accuracy and dynamic contrasts typically associated with a jazz ensemble. This, in turn, produces the *BEST* of Jazz, Fusion, Swing, and Contemporary Jazz as only a percussion ensemble can play it!

## DESCRIPTION

- \*Founded in the Fall of 2003
- \*Membership comprised of the best percussion students at the University of West Georgia
- \*Six to ten members performing on Vibes, Marimba, Bass, Drums, and Percussion

## PROGRAM

- \*CLINIC TOPICS: Improvisation, keyboard performance, chamber music, and percussion.
- \*Flexible: Any setting from incidental music to over two hours of feature performance
- \*Chamber Music
- \*As a solo ensemble or back-up for a featured soloist

## RECENT PERFORMANCES AND HONORS

- \* **International Society of Music Educators Biennial Conference**, Bologna, Italy July 2008
- \* **Music Educators 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**, Orlando, June 2007
- \* **Tennessee Music Educators Conference**, Nashville, April 2007
- \* **Hawaii Music Educators Conference**, Honolulu, January 2007
- \* Only ensemble from the US selected for the **Antiguan Independence Day Celebration**, 2006
- \* Selected for the **Puerto Rico Percussion Festival**, August 2006
- \* **Georgia Music Educators Conference** appearance, Savannah, January 2006.
- \* **Arizona Music Educators Conference** appearance, Phoenix, January 2006
- \* **Goethe International Institute** feature performance, Atlanta, October 2005
- \* Selected twice for the **Full Sail School for the Recording Arts**, Orlando, FL 2004, 2005
- \* Numerous appearances with artists including David Friedman, David Samuels, Mark Ford, Daryl Kunesh, Steve Houghton
- \* Air Tran Grand Opening, Atlanta, GA 2005
- \* Feature performers on the Carnival Cruise lines 2004

## RECENT GUEST ARTISTS

- \*David Friedman – Freelance Vibraphone Artist – Berlin, Germany (2006)
- \*John Bleuel – Yamaha Saxophone Artist – (2006)
- \*Paul Buyer – Clemson University – Clemson, SC (2005)
- \*Daryl Kunesh – Freelance Drum set Artist – Ft. Lauderdale, FL (2004)

## CURRENT REPERTOIRE INCLUDES THESE STYLES

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|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| *Mainstream and Crossover | *Rock | *Fusion |
| *Blues                    | *Cool | *Latin  |
| *Swing                    | *Free | *Bebop  |
| *Funk                     |       |         |