



Percussion Faculty

David Jelen has taught percussion in the BW Community Music School for over 20 years. David's students develop good fundamental skills while maintaining their enjoyment of making music. He teaches all ages and skill levels.

David holds a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Baldwin Wallace University and a Master of Computer Information Systems degree from Cleveland State University. David is the Percussion Assistant for the Mayfield High School Pride of Mayfield Marching Band in Mayfield Hts., OH and is the Brush High School Soundsation Show Choir Band Director. Previously, David was the Percussion Assistant with the Valley Forge High School Marching Band in Parma, OH and the Firelands High School Marching Band in Oberlin, OH.

As a freelance musician, he has played percussion for a number of musicals at Blank Canvas Theater, Near West Theater and Cassidy Theater. He has also performed with a number of groups including the Parma Symphony Orchestra, Cuyahoga Community College Civic Band, Lakeland Civic Chorus, Lakeland Civic Band and Lakeland Civic Orchestra. He was also a church choir director for 23 years. He has composed and arranged music that has been performed by musicians of all ages.

Darryl Mika, has been teaching percussion for over 40 years. He has worked with students of all ages and teaches all styles of percussion. He is a member of a number of local ensembles, including the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, the Chagrin Valley Studio Orchestra and the Strongsville Community Band. Mr. Mika is also an active pit musician and freelance percussionist around Greater Cleveland. While in the military, Mr. Mika was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps "Commandant's Own" Drum and Bugle Corps and taught at the U.S.M.C. Drum and Bugle Corps School. Mr. Mika received his Bachelor of Music Education from Baldwin Wallace University. He is also the percussion advisor for the Baldwin Wallace Marching Yellow Jackets.