

# Kevin Richard Hotte

Drummer - Music Composer

# Curriculum Vitae

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### BIO AND BACKGROUND:

"Since 2000, Kevin has released four albums of his own original music which have received airplay all over the world on public and campus radio and has been used in film and television in the USA, (most recently on the OWN Television Network). His music is distributed through all of the major online streaming services including Spotify, Apple Music, iTunes and Amazon.

Kevin has also performed drumming duties on countless studio sessions for a number of other recording artists. During the 80's, Kevin worked with legendary Canadian producer Bob Gallo who produced multiple hit records for Atlantic Records and for artists such as James Brown, The Drifters, Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin, Bo Diddley and The Young Rascals.

During pre-COVID times, Kevin is one of the most sought after live performance drummers in Niagara. Prior to the pandemic, he played an average of 100 live shows per year with a multitude of different bands and artists.

Currently, Kevin is busy not only composing and recording new original material for his fourth studio album titled Random Acts Of Music, but also freelancing his drumming skills for other artists and production companies for live and studio sessions. Kevin also continues scoring music for film, radio, television, the gaming industry, Internet podcasts and other media through his own multi-media production company. His videos can be viewed by visiting his YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/drumtog>

Over the years, Kevin has acquired a very strong reputation as a solid drummer and he is proud to be considered on par with many other marquee name drummers by his peers. He rounds out his time by continuing his passion for teaching drums and passing his knowledge on to other young drummers.

In 2010, Kevin created his Circular Motion workshop. In this journey of self-discovery, Circular Motion is a one hour workshop that is part education, part exploration & self-discovery, part therapy and healing, part entertainment and most importantly, all parts fun!

Kevin combines the use of modern technology with traditional drumming, old-world hand drumming, meditation and everyone's natural affinity towards rhythm, to help each participant "free themselves from themselves". He performs this workshop for schools, community organizations, corporate clients and spiritual and Holistic specialists. The purpose of it is to assist in promoting team building, performance enhancement, bonding and exploring personal and spiritual growth.

It allows participants to break through their personal barriers by gently pulling them out of their shell to look at, and above all, HEAR and experience their environment in a totally new way. THIS IS NOT A DRUM CIRCLE. The workshop is especially helpful for those who have issues of shyness, social awkwardness, and inhibition. It is also a valuable tool for healing therapy as well as team building and bonding.

## BIO AND BACKGROUND continued:

At the age of 17, Kevin began teaching drums at the same studio he took lessons at. He has continued his passion for teaching and over the years has been the drum teacher at three major music studios in St. Catharines; the legendary Rysons Studios of Music, Master Conservatory of Music and The Niagara Creative Arts Centre. He also offers private lessons in his state-of-the-art home studio.

In 2009 Kevin and his wife Natalie created A.I.C.R.A. (The Alliance of Independent Canadian Recording Artists). After eventually being turned down for government funding, they decided to self-finance and produce the \$10,000 dollar plus costs to fund the Indie Gives Rise live concert series that ran over a 5 month period in a Niagara Falls, Ontario art gallery.

The organization and the concert series gave much needed public exposure as well as an opportunity to perform for some of not only the areas lesser know independent music artists but some of the region and the provinces best but least known struggling music artists. The concert series also promoted local businesses and gave a different charitable organization each month an opportunity to speak to the audiences to help build awareness as well as receive donations and recruit volunteers.

For Kevin, this allowed him to help his fellow artists to promote themselves and provided them an opportunity they otherwise did not have. By opening his arms to charities such as Wellspring Niagara, Kevin raised the bar to reach not just the music and arts community but the entire community. Kevin also performed during the festival himself where he unveiled his "One Man" show to rave reviews. This unique show featured him on-stage alone, playing drums while incorporating midi, digital sampling and looping technology to fill the space of the other instruments which he also played and pre-recorded in his studio.

In 2015, Kevin created a drummers advocacy group called The Niagara Drummers Collective (NDC) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Niagara-Drum/about>. NDC is a social media based support group intended for all drummers (both kit and hand drummers), who reside in the Niagara-Hamilton corridor regardless of age or experience. The purpose of the group is to educate, network, exchange ideas, philosophies, techniques and buy or sell gear to one another. Through this collective, Kevin is planning to facilitate educational drumming boot camps and workshops to all interested drummers.

In 2016, Kevin won the *Niagara Music Award* for Instrumental Artist Of The Year. In 2019, Kevin was awarded the Gold prize in the *St. Catharines Standard Reader's Choice Awards* for Best Local Entertainer - Drummer. In 2021, he won the Platinum award in the same competition for Best Local Musician.

## Links

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### Websites:

[www.kevinrichard.com](http://www.kevinrichard.com)

[www.circularmotioncan.wix.com/circular](http://www.circularmotioncan.wix.com/circular)

### Music Distributors:

[www.distrokid.com](http://www.distrokid.com)

[www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com)

[www.bandcamp.com](http://www.bandcamp.com)

### Social Media:

<http://www.youtube.com/c/drumtog>

<http://www.facebook.com/kevinrichardmusic>

### Professional Affiliations:

**SOCAN - Canada**

**ASCAP - International**

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## Live Theatre Drumming Performances

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- Richard Obrien's The Rocky Horror Picture Show 2011
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- Adler & Ross' The Pajama Game 2013
- Creator of Circular Motion Drumming Workshop

## Recording Studio/Session Work

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- While playing drums and touring with the 80's prog-rock band Renegade - recorded tracks for our first album with legendary producer **Bob Gallo**; who was a leading force in shaping the 60's sound, producing multiple hit records for **Atlantic Records** and for artists such as **James Brown, The Drifters, Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin, Bo Diddley** and **The Rascals**
- Numerous recording sessions drumming for various solo artists and composers
- Solo original music CD titled **Inventing Fire**. The project received airplay on campus and public radio in Canada and Europe. Select tracks also used in feature film and on network television in USA
- Solo original music CD titled **A Different Drum**. Composed all music, played drums and keyboards, producer and engineer
- Solo original music CD titled **Illumination**. Composed all music, played drums and keyboards, producer and engineer
- Original music for multi-media presentation, film, television and other audio productions for corporate clients

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## Teaching & Clinics

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- Drum Teacher at Ryson's United Studios of Music (Ontario, Canada)
- Drum Teacher at Master Conservatory of Music (Ontario, Canada)
- Drum Teacher at The Niagara Creative Arts Centre (Ontario, Canada)
- Private Lessons In-home
- Creator of Circular Motion Drumming Workshop

## Other Achievements

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- Established own independent record label Da Vinci's Notebook Records in 1997
- Represented/distributed the work of 10 composer/recording artists throughout Canada and the U.S.A. Distribution channel was retail gift and specialty shops, Internet distribution and consumer specialty shows
- Music for multi-media presentation - Contributed music to the Intronix Corporation for trade shows and Internet presentations
- Creator and moderator of the Niagara Drummers collective FB group

## Film & Television

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- Regular contributor of music for national television production titled **"Come Travel With Me"** which is broadcast in the U.S.
- Independent Feature Film - Contributed music to feature film **"The Good Life"** by independent U.S. producer Eric Moyer
- Composed original theme and background music for martial arts training video/DVD
- **OWN Television Network** - The Oprah Winfrey Show and various multi-media in 42 countries throughout the world

## Awards & Nominations:

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- St. Catharines Arts Award. Nominee - Established Artist category 2015.
- St. Catharines Arts Award. Nominee - Established Artist category 2016.
- **Winner** - Niagara Music Award - Instrumental Artist of the Year - 2016
- Nominee - Niagara Music Award - Instrumental Artist of the Year - 2017
- **Winner** - St. Catharines Standard Reader's Choice Awards - Best Local Entertainer - Drummer category - 2019
- **Winner** - St. Catharines Standard Reader's Choice Awards - Best Local Musician category - 2019