

**Dennis Ullman** has worked extensively in the areas of music education and performance for over 30 years. He has been in frequent demand as a music festival adjudicator at many regional music festivals, Canada's Wonderland School Music Festival and affiliate festivals of MusicFest Canada. Since 2010, he has conducted over 250 clinics/workshops as an adjudicator of concert bands, jazz ensembles, brass, woodwinds and percussion. As guest clinician, he has instructed sessions for regional Honour Band Programs and has conducted performances at various venues throughout North America including the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN.

Mr. Ullman has been a teacher in Ontario's private school system for over twenty years and conducted many award winning bands and ensembles at the Secondary and Elementary School levels; he is now Director of Instrumental Music at Immanuel Christian School. He has also directed various school (public/private) ensembles which have performed throughout North America and regularly at MusicFest Canada's National Festival.

As a private instructor he has worked with hundreds of students, many of whom have gone on to become major contributors to the music industry in cities such as Nashville, Toronto and Montreal. Graduates have performed on the David Letterman and Jimmy Kimmel Shows, at the Air Canada Centre and with artists such as Brad Paisley, Steel Magnolia, Miranda Lambert, Steven Curtis Chapman and many other shows including Cirque du Soleil.

Mr. Ullman has been featured as a percussionist in a variety of ensembles including theatre orchestra performances such as the Canadian premier of "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" a musical by Dean Regan. He has also performed with the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, Oshawa Civic Band and the Peterborough Civic Concert Band. Mr. Ullman has been active as a drummer with the praise and worship teams at Carruthers Creek Community Church, Hope Fellowship CRC, Hope Community Church, Discovery Church and Bowmanville Baptist Church. Recordings include 'Duke'n It Out' with the Kawartha Jazz Ensemble, featuring arrangements by the late Ron Collier. He is currently performing with Icy Redd, Dave Espeut and Reddemption Road.

After graduating with an Honours Diploma in Applied Music from Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology, Mr. Ullman became President of DRUMS Inc. He is a member of Canadian Music Festival Adjudicator's Association, Canadian Band Director's Association, Ontario Band Association, Jazz Educators Network and Ontario Music Educators' Association. Mr. Ullman is the founder and Regional Co-ordinator for OCM, an affiliate festival of MusicFest Canada and was a member of Mohawk College's Applied Music Program Advisory Committee for ten years. He was responsible for the development of the Praise and Worship component as part of MusicFest Canada as a member of MusicFest Canada's Choral/Vocal Division Committee.

Mr. Ullman, his wife Rachel and their children reside in Courtice, Ontario. As a family, they enjoy travelling, swimming, watching soccer and of course the - Detroit Red Wings. More information is available at [www.drumsinc.ca](http://www.drumsinc.ca).