

:: ALFREDO MARTIN (RIKO)

Riko has been instructing percussion for the past ten years and has been playing and performing music since he was eight. Alfredo is a former member of the Black Knights Drum Corps. While in the group he was afforded the opportunity to play bass drum and tenors. During his performance years Alfredo was fortunate enough to compete as a finalist in the annual Winter Guard International World Championships, and also to perform in the inaugural year of the Southern California Percussion Alliance (SCPA). Mr. Martin has also studied music at Citrus College in Glendora, CA and was a performer with Sierra Wind Symphony, Lab Band Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble. While attending Citrus College, Alfredo also had the opportunity to record his music and study in the Citrus College Recording Technology Program. Mr. Martin has studied privately with John Magnussen, learning many skills in not only mallet percussion, but also orchestral and hand percussion instruments.

On top of Riko's educational and performance accomplishments, he has also been an active percussion instructor throughout southern California. He has instructed marching, concert, and winter percussion programs at Riverside King High School, Baldwin Park High School, Northview High School, and most recently Brea Olinda High School. While at these institutions Riko he has had the opportunity to teach in many different facets from arranging music, writing drill, and teaching percussion. He has had the pleasure of working with such band directors as Sean Hamberlin, Joseph A. Bartell, and Alan Casey.

During his years of educating Mr. Martin has made several contacts and connections that have furthered his career in the percussive arts. Recently, Alfredo was appointed as the Advisory Board Director for the Music Life Foundation, a non-profit organization designed for the enrichment of musical activities. In this capacity Mr. Martin acts as the liaison between the parent support group that helps support The Music Life activities, and the Board of Directors. While a member of The Music Life Foundation, Riko has also played an important role in the founding and growth of both the Incognito Indoor Drum Line and the Incognito Drum and Bugle Corp.

Alfredo believes that music brings people together. It allows us to experience the same emotions. People everywhere are the same in heart and spirit. He also believes that The Music Life Foundation gives everyone a chance to create and express the art of music. Riko would like to thank his family, friends, and girlfriend for their support of music and all his endeavors.