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. It is the visual excitement of seeing performers combined with the rhythmic accuracy typically associated with a percussion ensemble. This, in turn, produces the *BEST* of Jazz, Fusion, Swing, and Contemporary Jazz as only a percussion ensemble can play it!

DISCRIPTION

*Founded in the Fall of 2003
*Membership comprised of the top 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

* Hawaii Music Educators Conference, January 2007
* Tennessee Music Educators Conference, April 2007
* Only ensemble from the US selected for the Antiguan Independence Day Celebration, 2006
* Selected for the Puerto Rican Percussion Festival, August 2006
* GMEA Conference appearance, January 2006.
* AMEA Conference appearance, January 2006
* Goethe International Institute feature performance, 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
* AirTran Grand Opening, Atlanta, GA 2005
* Feature performers on the Carnival Cruise lines 2004

RECENT GUEST ARTISTS

*David Friedman – Freelance Vibraphone Artist – Berlin, Germany
*Paul Buyer – Clemson University – Clemson, SC
*David Samuels – Freelance Vibraphone Artist – Selmer Artist – New York
*Mark Ford – University of North Texas – Marimba Artist
*Jimmy Rupp – Clinician for Zildjian and Nobel & Cooley – Columbus, OH
*Daniel Paprocki – Assistant Professor of Music – Western Kentucky – Saxophone
*Daryl Kunesh – Freelance Drum set Artist – Ft. Lauderdale, FL

REPERTOIRE

*Mainstream and Crossover Jazz
*Blues
*Ragtime
*Funk
*Bebop
*West Coast Jazz
*Rock
*Cool
*Swing
*Fusion
*Free
*Latin