

Performance Resume

Daniel L Wells

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Summary

Highly versatile and experienced Percussionist and Drummer with a dedicated background in both community concert settings and musical theatre pit orchestras. Expertise includes covering complex percussion books using traditional instruments and Digital Percussion Systems for efficient multi-instrument coverage. Demonstrates exceptional technical fluency, including Python development for embedded systems and custom sound design/font creation and editing, demonstrating a complete skillset for modern ensemble demands.

Skills and Technical Proficiencies

Specific Instruments & Expertise

- **Mallet Percussion:** Marimba, Vibraphone, Xylophone, Glockenspiel, Tubular Bells,
- **World Percussion:** Cajón, Bongos, Congas, Timbales, Djembe, Darbuka, Hand Drums
- **Electronic Percussion:** Electronic Mallets, Electronic Drum Kit, Electronic Drum Pads
- **Orchestral Percussion:** Timpani, Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Tom Drums, Cymbals, Accessory Percussion
- **Drum Kit:** Acoustic Drum Kit, Cocktail (Standing) Drum Kit

Music Preparation & Software

- **Live Performance:** Apple MainStage, Pianoteq, Plogue sforzando, LinuxSampler, FluidSynth
 - **Notation:** MuseScore (Arranging, Transposing, Editing)
 - **Digital Audio:** Audacity (Recording and Editing)
 - **Soundfont Editing:** Polyphone (Creation and Editing)
 - **Embedded Systems:** Zynthian (Python Coding)
 - **Administrative:** Band Website Design and Maintenance, Logistics Management, Section Leadership
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Musical Theatre Pit Orchestras

- *Sweeney Todd* (Pensacola State College Performing Arts): Xylosynth (Mallets, Church Bells), E-Drum Pads (Percussion), Timpani, Cymbals, Whistles, Accessory. Upcoming Oct 2026
 - *Bye Bye Birdie* (PSC): Xylosynth (Mallets, Percussion), Timpani, Timbales, Cymbals, Accessory. Upcoming Jul 2026
 - *Jesus Christ Superstar* (University of West Florida Theatre): Timpani, Gong, Xylosynth (Mallets, Bell Plates), Congas, Bass Drum, Cymbals, Accessory. Nov 2025
 - *Jekyll & Hyde* (Pensacola Little Theatre): Xylosynth (Timpani, Mallets, Percussion), Cymbals, Whistle, Accessory. Sep 2025
 - *Oklahoma!* (PSC): Xylosynth (Timpani, Mallets, SoundFX), Accessory. Jul 2025
 - *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (UWF): E-Drum Kit, Xylosynth (Mallets, Timpani, French Horn, Oboe), Cymbals, Whistles, Accessory. Sep 2024
 - *The Drowsy Chaperone* (UWF): Xylosynth (Timpani, Mallets), E-Drum Pads (Percussion, SoundFX), Whistle, Brake Drum, Accessory. Apr 2024
 - *Escape to Margaritaville* (PSC): Xylosynth (Steel Drums, Timpani, Mallets), Bongos, Cymbals, Whistle, Accessory. Oct 2023
 - *Legally Blonde* (PLT): Xylosynth (Timpani, Mallets), E-Drum Pads (Percussion, SoundFX), Bass Drum, Timbales, Tom Drums, Snare Drum, Bodhrán, Accessory. Jul 2023
 - *Mamma Mia!* (Gulf Breeze High School Drama): Timpani, Mallets, Congas, Timbales, Accessory. Apr 2023
 - *Company* (PSC): Timpani, Xylosynth (Mallets), Whistles, Accessory. Oct 2022
 - *A Chorus Line* (PLT): Timpani, Xylosynth (Mallets), Bongos, Tom Drum, Accessory. Jun 2022
 - *9 to 5* (UWF): Xylosynth (Timpani, Mallets), Bongos, Snare Drum, Cymbals, Accessory. Apr 2022
 - *Something Rotten* (PSC): Timpani, Bongos, Cymbals, Accessory. Nov 2021
 - *Elf* (GBHS): Timpani, Mallets, Bongos, Accessory. Dec 2019
 - *Matilda* (GBHS): Drum Kit, Timpani, Glockenspiel, Bass Drum, Bongos, Whistles, Accessory. May 2019
 - *Bright Star* (GBHS): Drum Kit, Cajón, Djembe, Frame Drum, Whistle, Accessory. Dec 2018
 - *Funny Girl* (PSC): Timpani, Mallets, Darbuka, Cymbals, Whistles. Nov 2018
 - *The Addams Family* (PSC): Timpani, Mallets, Bass Drum, Gong, Cuíca, Timbales, Bongos, Brake Drum, Whistles, Cymbals, Accessory. Oct 2017
 - *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (PSC): Timpani, Mallets, Whistles, Cymbals, Accessory. Jul 2017
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Ensemble and Community Performance

Pensacola Civic Band | Mallet Percussionist

Multiple Engagements: 2006–2007, 2018–Present (50 Performances Total)

- Long-term member specializing in mallet percussion, cymbals, concert drums, and accessory percussion for community concert band performances.

Pensacola Bay Concert Band | Percussionist, Section Leader, Band WebMaster

Service Years: 2015–2022 (23 Performances Total)

- Performed mallet percussion, drum kit, concert drums, cymbals, timpani, and accessory percussion for community concert band performances.
- **Section Leader** (2016–2022): Facilitated communications, managed parts distribution, provided coaching, supplied percussion equipment, and oversaw logistics.
- **Band WebMaster** (2018–2022): Developed, maintained, and hosted the band's website, managed social media, and assisted with online fundraising efforts.

Pensacola Bay Wind Ensemble | Drummer

Service Years: 2018–2020 (54 Performances Total)

- Performed frequent chamber gigs at assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing facilities, utilizing cajón, accessory percussion, and glockenspiel with improvisation.

Worship and Special Services

- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, Gulf Breeze (2022): Mallet percussionist for Christmas Eve service.
 - **Christ Episcopal Church**, Pensacola (2015, 2017, 2021): Percussionist for special services including Easter, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service.
 - **Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church** (2018, 2019): Timpanist for two Christmas Eve services, performing with choir and chamber ensembles.
 - **Marcus Pointe Baptist Church**, Pensacola (2006): Mallet percussionist for worship and Christmas services.
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Other Ensemble Work

- **Pensacola Children's Chorus** (2022): Percussionist for "One World, Many Voices" concert, performing cajón and bongos with improvisation.
 - **Florida All Star Community Band** (2019): Represented two local bands at the FBA Summer Conference in Daytona Beach, performing mallets, cymbals, bongos, and supplying percussion equipment.
 - **West Florida Home Education Music Association** (2018): Guest musician for two Chamber Orchestra concerts (Broadway/Disney themes), covering full orchestral percussion parts.
 - **First City Winds / The Choral Society of Pensacola** (2018): Performed for the "Celebration for Chorus and Band" concert, performing mallets and cymbals.
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Education

Berklee College of Music (Online)

Professional Certificate in Music Theory and Composition (In Progress)

- Professional music program specializing in traditional and modern theory and compositional techniques.