

# Matt Skoda

Biography and Social Media

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Originally from Memphis, Nashville resident, Matthew "Matt" Skoda, began his drumming about the time he could talk. When asked by his grandmother what he wanted for Christmas, he immediately said "drum". He got his first drum at two years of age and he was on his way. At four, Matt entered formal lessons at the local church conservatory and furthered his lessons and performance efforts while at School of Rock. This culminated in his first public gig on his ninth birthday at the Hard Rock Cafe in Memphis on Beale Street!

Matthew continued his drumming lessons in addition to his work with the School of Rock until moving to Nashville in 2015. It was there that his music training would be furthered by Jon Hull, who also works with Jason Aldean's band as well as Aldean's drummer, Rich Redmond.

Matt formed his band in January of 2017 and has been gigging ever since. SKODA plays classic and southern rock covers as well as the band's original songs.

He is continuing his formal lessons along with the band's practice sessions that take place weekly in his home studio. He is accelerating his training through additional formal lessons at local drum clinics with drum legends like Rich Redmond of Jason





Aldean' band, Troy Luccketta of Tesla and Todd Sucherman of Styx. [Greg Upchurch of 3 Doors Down](#), is his weekly drum instructor and recently co-founded Iron Gate Records which signed SKODA.

Matthew is also the drummer for the Tones, a seven-piece band sponsored by [Cedarstone School of Music](#), playing mostly pop and rock classics along with original music.

In addition to his drumming, Matthew has begun doing music production using Logic Pro & Pro Tools with 5-time Grammy Award winning producer, [Steve Bishir](#). Matt has launched his studio services through his Iron Gate Studios and has formed a publishing company, Iron Gate Music Publishing. He is also working on guitar, music theory and vocal lessons.

In addition, Matt has launched his DJ business and is leveraging his love for music and his knowledge of current music trends. While a nascent effort, Matt is intent on bringing all his musicianship, performance skills and youthful outlook to his DJ'ing efforts!

He is an avid tech user and is working on developing his Python programming skills while advancing his music career.

And when not drumming, gigging and playing music, Matt enjoys online gaming with friends, cooking and watching science fiction movies.

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