

PRESS RELEASE: CHICAGO DRUM SHOW 2011

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The (21st Annual) Chicago Drum Show, the world's largest and longest-running event of its type, will take place on May 21 and 22, 2011 at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St Charles, Illinois. (Just 35 miles west of downtown Chicago.) Over 1200 visitors are expected

Clinics will be presented by Clayton Cameron, Cora and Josh Dunham, Daniel Glass, Bryan Hitt, Johnny Rabb, and JR Robinson, Commenting on this roster, Cook was enthusiastic. "This is a *really* solid group. Daniel Glass and Johnny Rabb have done clinics here in the past; their show appearances and clinic highlight youtube videos both produced incredible responses. Cora Dunham, a former GC Drum-Off winner, drums for Prince. Her husband Josh plays bass for Prince, and together Josh and Cora have built a business that does voiceover work, publishing, and other creative services including a mentorship program. Bryan Hitt (REO Speedwagon) is a hard-hitting rocker with a fresh presentation. Clayton Cameron, probably best known for his work with Tony Bennett, has earned the title of "Brush Master," and in addition to his clinic will lead a "Brush Circle." First-call L.A. session master JR Robinson will anchor the clinic program.

Master Classes will be presented by Jane Boxall, Clayton Cameron, Daniel Glass, and Cora Dunham. "The Master Classes by Clayton, Daniel, and Cora will be extensions of their clinics," says Cook. "We limit the class size to 25 so everyone gets some personal attention- it's like a cross between a clinic and a private lesson. Jane Boxall's Master Class will cover ragtime playing styles, improvisation, and mallet instrument restoration."

NotSoModernDrummer Cafe: Building on the model established by Bart Elliott's "Drummer Cafe" at the 20th Anniversary show in 2010, George Lawrence of NotSoModernDrummer plans to present interviews, informative video presentations, and a special presentation by Jane Boxall who will be performing ragtime numbers on period-correct vintage instruments.

The 2011 Chicago Drum Show will build on the charity connection established in 2010 with exhibitor Nancy Laughery, massage therapist, donating proceeds to Imerman's Angels, a Chicago-based organization that matches up cancer survivors with newly diagnosed patients for one-on-one support. Triple Threat Mentoring will also have an exhibit space. Triple Threat is a nonprofit based in Aurora, Illinois centered on empowering and benefitting disadvantaged urban youth.

Official show photographer will once again be Michael Hacala of Detroit. Michael plans on setting up a mini-studio for product photography at the show. Time will be very limited, so if you are interested in having custom photography done at the show, please contact him directly at 313-510-2545 at least one week prior to make arrangements. For examples of his photography work, please visit his website: www.centerstageimages.com

Show organizer Rob Cook reports that exhibitors have signed up at a record-setting pace. "At this point in time, there's little doubt we will once again have a sellout."