

# 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 first band, NDB in January of 2017 and has been gigging since, playing classic and southern rock covers as well as the band's original songs. Matt is the drummer for his new band, SKODA.

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, Troy Luccketta of Tesla and Todd Sucherman of Styx. [Greg Upchurch of 3 Doors Down](#), is his mentor and drum instructor.

In addition to his drumming, Matthew is currently working on his AAS degree at Vol State with 5-time Grammy Award winning producer, [Steve Bishir](#). Matt also 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.

He will be entering the [Dark Horse Institute](#) in Franklin, TN in late summer of 2024 after graduating from Volunteer State. He is enrolled in their multi-certificate program in Audio Engineering; Composition & Songwriting; and Music Business.

And when not drumming, gigging, playing music and producing, Matt enjoys online gaming with friends, cooking and watching science fiction movies. Matt currently resides in Castalian Springs, Tennessee with his mom, dad, and brother Michael along with two labs & a mini schnauzer!



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# Personal Data Sheet

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#### **Objective**

Dynamic and passionate musician with extensive experience in drumming, music production, and audio engineering. Seeking to leverage my skills and expertise in a challenging and creative environment.

#### **Education**

- A.A.S. in Music Production (In Progress), Volunteer State Community College, TN
- Multi-Certificate Program in Audio Engineering, Composition & Songwriting, and Music Business (Starting Summer 2024), Dark Horse Institute, Franklin, TN.

#### **Experience**

*Studio Musician and Producer, Iron Gate Studios, Nashville, TN*

- Produced and recorded music for various artists and bands, specializing in country music.
- Studio drummer for recording artists with the Iron Gate Records label.
- Skilled in front-of-house audio and studio recording techniques.

*Drummer and Band Member*

- SKODA, Nashville, TN (2020 – present)
- NDB, Nashville, TN (2017 - 2020)
- Performed in various gigs, playing classic, southern rock, and original songs.

*AM/FM Radio Engineer*

- Responsible for managing and maintaining radio broadcasting during the show "Tennessee Star with Michael Patrick Leahy" on WENO.

*Music Instructor and Mentor*

- Provided drum lessons and music production guidance to budding musicians.
- Working with aspiring young music producers to master the technology and tools.

#### **Skills**

- Drumming: Proficient in various styles, with formal training and extensive live performance experience.
- Music Production: Highly skilled in recording, mixing, and mastering.
- Audio Engineering: Experienced in sound design, live sound, and studio recording.
- Multi-instrumentalist: Proficient in guitar and vocal performance.
- Music Theory: Strong understanding of music composition and theory.
- Pro Tools, Logic, Ableton and most major plugins and production gear.

#### **Achievements**

- First public performance at age 9 at Hard Rock Cafe, Memphis, TN.
- Studied under renowned drummers to include Rich Redmond (Jason Aldean), Troy Luccketta (Tesla), Todd Sucherman (Styx), and Greg Upchurch (3 Doors Down).
- Released album "Wildcard" by his band SKODA with over 170,000 streams and 7,000 monthly listeners.
- Sponsored and plays CANOPUS Drums of Japan.

#### **Interests**

- Producing and rehearsing in his home studio.
- Online gaming, cooking, and watching science fiction movies.
- Developing songs and recording techniques while producing his own beats/music.