

MIKE CASSADY

Drums



MUSIC EXPERIENCE

- Began formal lessons at age 8 and continued with classical training through high school.
- Played in concert, symphonic, marching, pit and jazz bands at Arlington High School. Played in Harper College pit band for production of Pippen.
- Played percussion in the Northwest Suburban Youth Symphony.
- Full credit due to Mom and Cassady family for toleration of extreme noise associated with maniacal percussing.



PREVIOUS/OTHER BANDS

- Badlands Band
- Mandella
- Smack
- Naughty Boy Jack
- Petty Kings
- Old School

INFLUENCES & PREFERENCES, ROCK HEROES, ETC

- My playing style was impacted by a diverse group of bands in the 1970's and 1980's; especially Rush, Led Zeppelin, Allman Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Bob Seger, Traffic, Pink Floyd, etc. Especially loved the ethic and creativity of Neil Peart, God rest his soul.
- FAQ'S?
- How would you describe Old School?
 - "Old School is a team of musical brothers playing the songs you would have heard on FM97.9 The Loop. It's good clean fun!"
- Dream show?
 - Old School at Durty Nellies doing Allman Bros set. Two Cassady's, two drum sets, Too fun.
- What drums are you playing?
 - Gretch 5 piece; Yamaha Stage Custom. Enjoy practice on Vince's vintage Ludwig clear Bonham Vistalites.

Favorite Old School Song?
Old 57.