## **Matthew Skoda**

## AKA - 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 and performance lessons 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, Next Door Boys, in January of 2017 and has been gigging since, playing classic and southern rock covers.

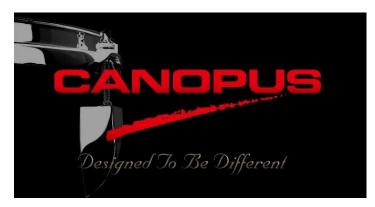
He is continuing his formal lessons along with the band's practice sessions that take place weekly in his home studio.

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 weekly drum coach and instructor.

In December of 2018, Matthew auditioned for and was selected to be the drummer for the Tones, a six-piece band sponsored by <u>Cedarstone School of Music</u>, playing mostly pop and rock classics along with original music.

In January of 2020, Matt signed an Artist Endorsement deal with <u>CANOPUS Drums</u> of Japan to play and represent that brand as its youngest drum artist. CANOPUS produces high end and custom acoustic drums for musicians around the world.





In addition to his drumming,
Matthew is working on his
production and song writing skills
with Grammy winning
producer, <u>Steve Bisher</u> and takes
vocal lessons at Cedarstone. 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.

Matt Skoda is fourteen years old.



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