

**Sheila Earley**, drummer and percussionist, was born in New Richmond, WI and began playing drums at the age of 8. Her older brother and sisters taught her the basic rudiments and drum set beats. She studied with Ron Keezer (UW-Eau Claire) in High School and received a four-year scholarship in Music to the University of Arizona.

Sheila continued on in her musical studies and moved to Los Angeles, studying with jazz great Jeff Hamilton and famed drummer / world percussionist Alex Acuna. In New York City she studied with Funk Master Bernard Purdie and Technique Master Joe Morello.

Sheila has performed in 50 states and 5 countries in many varying musical settings.

Some of the highlights include:

House Drummer - Flamingo Hilton Lounge, Las Vegas, NV

Tom Harrell Quintet- Bop Stop - Cleveland, OH

Marlena Shaw - Blue Note, NY, NY

Carole Sloane - Blue Note, Village Vanguard, Dizzy's Coca-Cola Club (New York City)Skullers (Boston, MA), Portsmouth Jazz Festival (New Hampshire)

Duke Ellington Legacy Band - Jazz Festivals in New Jersey, New York City, New York State, Pennsylvania, Florida.

House Drummer - Mall of America - Ford Theatre - Minneapolis, MN

Norman Simmons Quintet - New York and New Jersey and Phoenix, AZ

Virginia Mayhew Quartet - New York City

Glenn Campbell - Phoenix, AZ

Debbie Duncan - Minneapolis, MN and Wisconsin

Tony Sandler and Columbia Artist Tours - 50 States in the U.S. and on the QEII Cruise Ship in the Caribbean.

Bobby Shew and Reuel Lubag - Washington

Mike Scott (JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE GUITARIST) Funk Band - Minnesota

New York Pops Organization - Sherrie Maricle - New York City

Carl Scott and Friends - Brooklyn, NY

Shoko Amano & Paul Bollenbeck - Blue Note, NY, NY

Theatre Late Da - Minneapolis/St.Paul (Company, A Beautiful Thing)

Christy Sperling & John Garden - Wisconsin

Sean Primes (RAP ARTIST)- Wisconsin

Jody and Matt Mealey - Wisconsin

Hair on Broadway - New York, NY (sub chair - drummer)

Dixieland Express - Future Expo - 12 city tour in Japan

Sheila Earley Quartet - The Nash, Phoenix, AZ

Clay Aiken - New York, NY

Independent - Adaire Jazz Festival - Ireland

Tony and Tina's Wedding, Beehive - Hey City Theatre, Minneapolis, MN