

Bobby's Beat!!



LISTEN UP!

The Bigger Your Ears, The Better!

It's not how good your hands or feet are that will make you a better musician, it's how LARGE your ears are! Listening is the key to becoming great on your instrument. It's the main way we **LEARN**. Listen to your fellow musicians, recordings of all the masters, music of all styles, and, MOST IMPORTANTLY, to yourself! How's your sound? How's your tempo? How's your dynamics? While your at it, don't forget to listen to your heart!



VIDEO OF THE MONTH

featuring

DRUM SHOWDOWN!



TIP OF THE MONTH

Put the **LIST** in listening. Create a playlist of songs in a variety of styles and absorb what you hear!



MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

"I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen."
-Ernest Hemingway



Events worth checking out!

May 23rd, **Def Leppard/Journey** at Times Union Center!
Tickets.



Where's Bobby A performing next?
Click on **GIGS!**



A referral is the best compliment one can give! Refer your friend to me, and earn a FREE lesson if they **SIGN UP!**

John Bonham (Bonzo)

Thunder Of Drums

Widely regarded as the undisputed king of rock drumming, John Henry Bonham was a true force of nature behind the drums!

Known for his heavy groove, incredible bass drum technique and extended live drum solos, John ushered in a new style that would become known as hard rock! Often imitated, but never duplicated, some of drumming's most memorable moments and grooves are because of "Bonzo's" contribution to the instrument.



Top 3 things that come to mind when I think of John Bonham:

- 1). His powerful and heavy groove with burst of ferocity and pure adrenaline oozing through.
- 2). Large drum sizes, including a 26" bass drum.
- 3). Moby Dick drum solo.

"There were times when I blundered and got the dreaded look from the lads. But that was a good sign. It showed I'd attempted something I'd not tried before." -John Bonham

For a more in depth look at "Bonzo", check out this link: [John Bonham](#)

Bobby A's favorite songs featuring John Bonham's drumming are: [No Quarter](#); [Good Times Bad Times](#); and [Moby Dick](#).

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Seth Krause** for being selected as March's Student Of The Month! Following in the footsteps of his older brother, Seth claimed the SOTM title because of the consistent progress he made each week with his lesson material! Determined and focused, way to go Seth!

If you want to be the next SOTM, download a practice log [HERE](#) or ask me for one. It must be filled out and turned in at the end of each month for consideration. A prize and feature in the newsletter awaits.

For how to use your practice journal and why, read [THIS](#).

