



## **Josh Sack – a dedication**

Josh Sack was a student of mine who went on to live his dream – touring the country with his band at age 21. He dropped out of Berklee College of Music in order to do so, figuring he could always pick up where he left off. While on the road in the summer of 2007, Josh started to experience unidentifiable symptoms of what later proved to be leukemia. It was a type of leukemia associated with adolescents, and fairly curable – had Josh been only a year or two younger. Long story short, he endured chemo and a bone marrow transplant, but succumbed in early 2008.

In addition to being a fabulous, musical drummer, Josh was incredibly well-liked. That's because he was an elegant and generous person, usually giving people around him much more than what he took. As a youngster, when I first knew him, he had yet to gain this quality, but by the time he was in high school, he had become comfortable with himself. Like many of us, he had fears and doubts about his playing, but in the end, he went for it. Kudos to his parents, Joan and David, who loved and supported him every step of the way. While they didn't know what was to come, they lived in the moment and for the moment.

The teacher always learns from the student, frequently in ways unexpected. I am eternally grateful for knowing Josh and for the lessons he taught me.

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