

Andrew Szypula is a percussionist, show designer, and educator from Philadelphia, PA currently living and working in New Orleans. He completed dual Bachelor's Degrees in Music Education and Percussion Performance from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and received a Master of Music in Percussion Performance from Temple University where he studied with the late orchestral legend Alan Abel. He currently serves as Assistant Director of Bands at Tulane University.

Andrew began his career in the marching arts in the Egg Harbor Township Marching Band in New Jersey. Andrew's marching credits as a performer and leader include Carolina Crown, The West Chester University Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band, and The Raiders. Andrew's professional marching performing credits involve Windish Music and Productions, John W. McGrath International Entertainment, and Blue Devils Performing Arts (BDPA). Andrew served as a performing member leader and show designer for BDPA, providing high-energy marching percussion shows for clients such as the New York Knicks, New York Rangers, New York Giants, New York Jets, New England Patriots, Nike, The NBA All-Star Game, Nike, Under Armour, The Javits Center, and the NFL and Super Bowl XLVIII.

Andrew has taught and designed for groups all over the world from Temple University in Philadelphia to the Medellín Gran Banda in Colombia and from all levels from elementary school band to collegiate percussion to WGI World Championship finalists. Andrew was on the education staff of the Jersey Surf World Class Drum & Bugle Corps in 2019 and is excited to join the staff at St Martin Independent this season.

The pageantry arts is just one facet of Andrew's professional life. He is an avid orchestral musician and has performed with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, the New Orleans Opera, the Reading Symphony Orchestra, and other ensembles around Philadelphia and New Orleans. He is the drum set player for The New Orleans Johnnys and can be heard on their latest LP, "Outta Ya Mind." Andrew is proud to be a member of the Vic Firth Education Team, Percussive Arts Society, and the Beetle Percussion Artist Family and wholly supports their mission for ecologically friendly percussion products.

Aside from music, Andrew enjoys riding, repairing, and restoring motorcycles and doing outdoor activities like kayaking and disc golf. Andrew lives with his wife, Alison, and two cats, Cas and Sadie.

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