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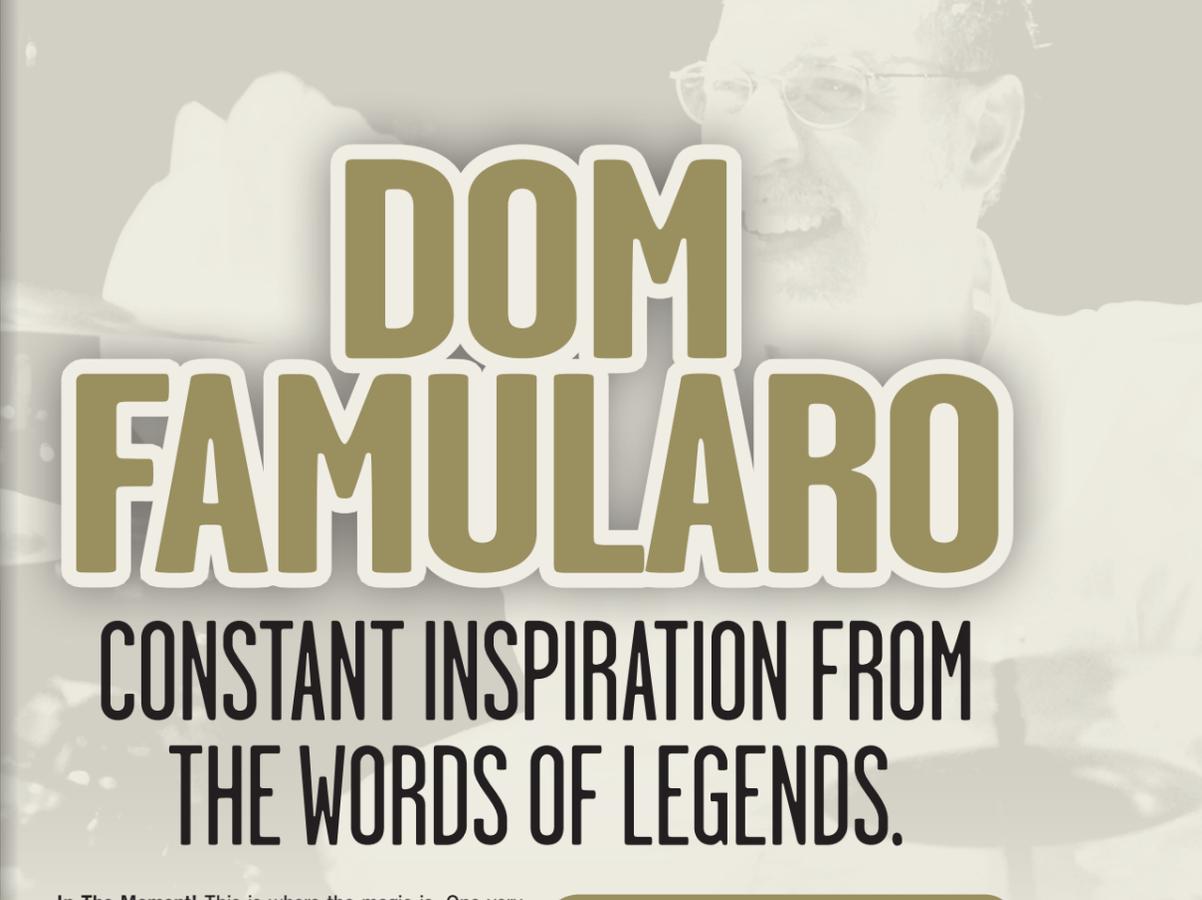
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Joe Porcaro



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CONSTANT INSPIRATION FROM THE WORDS OF LEGENDS.

In The Moment! This is where the magic is. One very important quality every musician requires to really be totally involved in musical expression...is the art of listening. This is a developed skill needed in order to be inside any song. To be in the moment...This means to be involved in communication and not only *hear* everything that is being said...but to *feel* everything that is being said! Active listening is different than just hearing. When someone is hearing the music they are semi involved. You are aware there are sounds entering your brain but you may not remember specific parts. It is like just hearing a lecture. You are in the room, you hear the person speaking, but you do not totally receive the message. And you may only retain segments of what was shared. That is only Hearing. You did not capture the complete moment. Now, Active Listening is at an entirely different level. This is where your involvement is very intense! Let's define intensity. People use this word often but rarely know what it means. Intensity is defined as...full commitment... The giving of 100% all the time!

When Steve Gadd, Vinnie Colaiuta, Dave Weckl, Steve Smith, Billy Cobham, Stewart Copeland, Steve Jordan, Jim Keltner, Russ Miller, Kenny Aronoff, Mark Schulman, Simon Phillips, Carmine Appice, Pete Lockett, Bobby Morris, Joe Porcaro, Hal Blaine, Lib DeVitto, Ed Shaughnessy, JR Robinson, Danny Seraphine, Charles Connor, Ndugu Chancler, Anika Nilles, Claus Hessler, Manu Katche, Andres Forero, Gregg Bissonette, Roy Burns, Peter Erskine, Alex Acuña, Jabo Starks and Clyde Stubblefield perform it is

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intense. Every note is played with full conviction. You have heard many of them perform at the Australian Ultimate Drummer's Weekend...AUDW! They are always in the moment! But, this is how they are as people! They even speak this way!

Recently I have had the wonderful opportunity to sit down with these legendary artists and interview them. If there are names you are not familiar with, listen and learn about who these great players are. I

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know each interview will amaze you, inform you and inspire you!

Imagine, I have sat with each of these great people and had the chance to step into their soul for information not before asked. On my mind are all the musicians I meet in my global travels. *You* are on my mind to ask questions to bring out the depth of knowledge to assist *you* in your career. I want *you* to hear their story and start the path for *your* story.

Watch these interviews at www.thesessions.org. Then click on videos. You will witness incredible communication skills. You will see and hear one huge aspect that makes them great musicians. They are all Active Listeners. They are in the moment for every word spoken. This is exactly how they are as musicians. This is an ability that can be improved every day. You have to want to improve it.

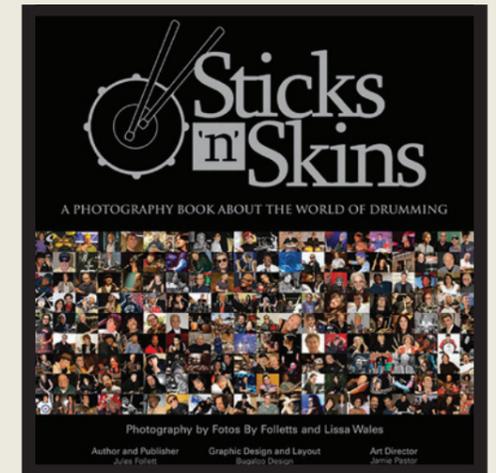
My mother always said, "you have two ears and one mouth, listen twice as much as you speak!" For me this has been very valuable advice! When you listen and see these interviews step into the moment with me. Listen to what these experienced dedicated artists say and feel each word spoken! You will experience true Active Listening. This is communication at its best.

You will hear Gadd talk about his inspirations, Vinnie talk about the current music industry, Dave talk about every home he moved to his first concern was where he would set up his drums, Stewart showing enthusiasm in his quest to compose, Kenny sharing ideas of self motivation, Steve Smith expanding on his desire to always learn, Cobham going back to his early drum corps days, Carmine in his early recording sessions, Hal taking us into the early days of playing on so many hits, Bobby Morris reminiscing about Las Vegas in the 1950's with Elvis, Russ in his early days of moving out to California and living in a rehearsal room and still practising to be ready for any gig, Gregg talks about Ringo, Manu about his classical music training and Jabo and Clyde's last interview together talking about playing with James Brown. A week later Clyde passed away. Priceless, passion filled and powerful

stories! You can be the fly on the wall to hear about drumming history from the masters that create it!

The Sessions is a non-profit organization that invests in you...the future musician. The purpose is to capture the story of the greatest musicians performing and inspiring us today! This dedicated organization visits music universities globally sharing business skills to give you more tools for success. Keep an eye out for it.

This was a vision of a photographer Jules Follett who put together a book called 'Sticks and Skins'. This book showcases over 500 drummers and tells their story. Check out the book.



Now, with The Sessions' video interviews we are sharing these artists in a different medium for you to absorb their life experiences. You will understand each artist's story of how they started, what drives them, how their career developed, how they maintain their motivation and mostly you will feel their passion. These interviews are for you to use as a stepping-stone for your success. To assist in mapping out your plan for your musical journey! I ask a question to them, and then I get out of the way and Listen Actively! I interview not only drummers, but also all instruments. A drummer listening to a top bass player will be very valuable for your passion to be fuelled. Check them out...

Live in the moment and in the Now, by enhancing your Active Listening skills. You will become more intense as a person and musician. Enjoy each artist's story and step into their world to stand on their shoulders so you can see further! And remember, you have two ears!!! Enjoy the interviews. Thanks!

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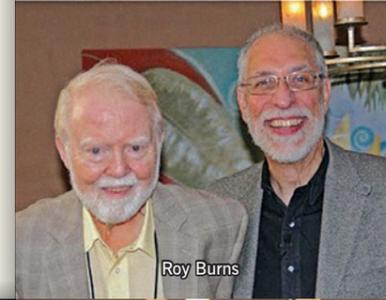
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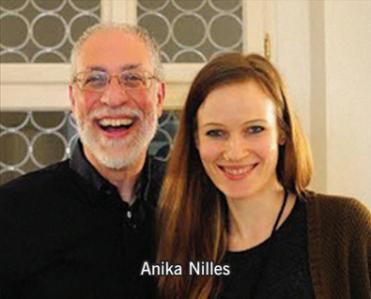
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