

# Past Masters of Rock... Absorb, Adapt & Adopt!

By Dom Famularo

I have the incredible honour of interviewing some of the greatest musicians in the world on the YouTube channel, 'The Sessions Panel'!

The purpose is to capture the story of these great artists for future generations to learn and be inspired. Each of their stories creates a clear path by which all of us can be guided. The passion, perseverance and power they display is magical!

Watch the interview with Jabo Starks and Clyde Stubblefield. These two great drummers propelled the James Brown band. JB loved the power of the groove that two drummers produced at the same time. In the interview, notice the deep respect they had for each other. Two weeks after that interview Clyde passed away and a few months later, Jabo passed. This was their last interview together! I was humbled to have been in their presence.



Ndugu Chancler laid down the most solid grooves with Michael Jackson. What a story to share. He was a gentleman and a world-class drummer. Listen to my interview with him and hear his journey. He passed soon after.



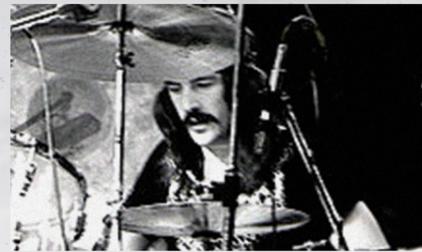
I wish I started these years ago! But fate did not intervene until I met Jules Follett, who produced the drum book, 'Sticks and Skins' with over 500 pictures and bios of each drummer. She has fuelled 'The Sessions Panel' with her vision! These interviews are for you to seek inspiration from the leaders of our instrument - enrich, educate and empower yourself!

Let me share drummers who I wish I had interviewed, who passed way too young, but left us great music and eternal drumming-inspiration. These drummers have given us so much great music. Let's keep them current in our minds. Do some research and get to know them.

## Research...

### JOHN BONHAM (LED ZEPPELIN)

John was a student of Jim Marshall the inventor of the classic amplifier. Jim was a drummer and one of his students was John 'Bonzo' Bonham! Listen to the Zeppelin song, "Fool in the Rain" - what a creative groove and feel.



### JEFF PORCARO (TOTO)

Inspired by Bonzo, Jeff had his own sound - listen to "Rosanna", this classic groove is the most requested drumbeat globally!



### PAT TORPY (MR BIG)

Pat and I did several clinics together in the 80s. He was a dedicated drummer who loved to put in a 2-hour warm up before every performance. His groove and creativity was very inspiring!



### RANDY CASTILLO (OZZY OSBOURNE, MÖTLEY CRÜE)

From Ozzy to Mötley Crüe Randy was another powerful force in drumming. We played together at a festival on Long Island. I sat on the side watching him push the band to an even higher level!



### NICK MENZA (MEGADETH)

Nick came from a musical family. His dad, Don, was with Buddy Rich's band as a horn player and arranger and Nick was a major force with Megadeth! We played a festival in Florida and he blew me away!



### KEITH MOON (THE WHO)

Another student of Jim Marshall, Keith's crazy and charismatic personality came out in every song he played!



### ERIC CARR (KISS)

He was a great person, very kind and consistently made every performance a special event!



### JIMMY 'THE REV' SULLIVAN (AVENGED SEVENFOLD)

A very dedicated musician who always played at 100%.



### COZY POWELL (RAINBOW, BLACK SABBATH, WHITESNAKE, JEFF BECK)

He defined what it was to be an absolute legend!



### MITCH MITCHELL (JIMI HENDRIX EXPERIENCE)

With Jimi Hendrix, he changed music, and they still have an impact today!



### VINNIE PAUL (PANTERA, MUDVAYNE, HELLYEAH)

We did a photo shoot for Sabian together, and we laughed the entire time. What a great player!



### CARLOS VEGA (BARRY MANILOW, JAMES TAYLOR)

What a deep groove he had... you will love his playing!



### LEVON HELM (THE BAND)

Great drummer, singer and actor! He did it all!



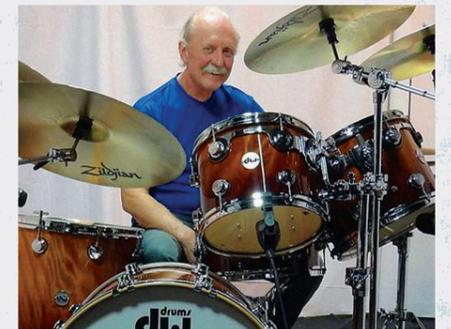
### JIM CAPALDI (TRAFFIC)

Check out this band and the music will lift you. Jim had a very special groove when he played!



### BUTCH TRUCKS (ALLMAN BROTHERS)

He was a founding member of the Allman Brothers, and an absolute natural at playing. He performed thousands of shows with such great enthusiasm!



I ask you to subscribe on YouTube to 'The Sessions Panel' and join the thousands of people globally who are watching, listening and feeling the joy shared from the great musicians I have sat with.

Also, listen to the older drummers I have interviewed on The Sessions, like Hal Blaine, Ed Shaughnessy and Roy Burns, who recently passed. Get familiar with them, and also you will grow from their words. I say, invest your time in them - to never forget, and seek their talent.

I have missed so many great drummers who are no longer with us... so, I ask you to do the research and seek out the info of these great drummers. Use the power of the Internet to get to know these players and let them inspire, teach and fuel your passion with their music!

You will build your musical tools from what you seek from these great players. Do not miss the gift and lesson you can learn from them. Absorb ... Adapt, then ... Adopt!

'The Sessions Panel' is a live magazine like DRUMscene - that continues to inform us with all these great stories of past and current drummers. Long live DRUMscene! And long live these past great legends of drumming!

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