

A note to the parents of prospective students:

When my young son (then age 9) demonstrated a sense of rhythm and an interest in drumming, I started looking for a drum teacher. I was referred to Frank. I checked out Frank's web site and realized that, yes, I was considering hiring a "rock star" to teach my impressionable young son. While I wanted to develop my son's potential talent, I was, well, "concerned" about other influences a professional musician might have. Perhaps you are as well.

Relax, and celebrate! Frank is wonderful! He has been teaching my son for about a year and a half now, and has been a terrific influence on him. He is both "really cool" and reassuringly wholesome. We had little equipment when we started. Frank worked with us, using anything and everything we could come up with to start the learning process. We were able to upgrade a little at a time, as my son's skills developed. This drum thing requires a huge amount of coordination, and is unavoidably frustrating as a student reaches for the next level. Frank knows how to manage this extremely well. He has a great way of deflecting tension and reducing the stress level, while never relieving a student of the challenge to improve. It's really something to see! I am happy with the way Frank has balanced and blended technical skills (drills and sight reading) with more fun drumming. The result has been an amazing amount of progress. Frank has also been very flexible and understanding when we have had to adjust our schedule.

Back to my original point. Strong positive male role models are hugely important for kids. Frank is a great one. I am grateful for who he is, as well as what he teaches. Hire him!

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