

BILL RAY

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Bill Ray has been playing drums since the beginning. Finding his father's drums at 15 months old and discovering the power of 2 & 4, his purpose on this plane of existence was set in motion at the age of four, having witnessed the local "drum guru", a man named George Lawrence (who is still a friend to this day) perform a drum solo at his parents' photography studio in Jackson, MS.

In 1989 a move to California was inevitable and taking gigs of any musical style turned out to be a fertile training ground. In 2001 Ike Turner offered BR the gig and as he said many times "Billy Ray is the drummer of my soul". Bill played with Ike on up to the end of his life and played on his 2007 Grammy Award winning album "Risin' With The Blues". Bill also holds over 150 other album credits to his career in all styles of music from Rock to Jazz, Country, R&B, Funk, and Eclectic "experimental" styles.

Bill is now living in Seattle, WA and is a member of LeRoy Bell & His Only Friends. He is also keeping active in the local music scene, as well as cutting drumtracks for various projects out of his own studio. He is also accepting a limited number of students.

Currently Seeking: · Interesting projects | Working bands | Students

Personal Projects:

OPIUM - "Other People's incredible unheard Music" - Solo Drums played to tracks (<http://opium.rocks>) · **The Odd Get Even** An internet collaboration with my writing partner Bill Cornish who resides in Chicago, IL (<http://oddgeteven.com>) · **Billy's Beats** - Studio work and solo drum tracks (<http://billysbeats.com>)

Notable / Recent Releases:

Ike Turner- "Risin' With The Blues"- 2007 Grammy winning album · The Odd Get Even - "Happy Critters" (2014) · Sven-Erik Seaholm- "The Sexy" (2015)

TV/Film:

Smithsonian Channel "Sound Revolution"- episode 1 · TVOne "Unsung"- Ike Turner episode · Ike Turner Live At Montreux- DVD/CD release · Ike Turner North Sea Jazz Fest- DVD Release · YouTube Channel with over 290,000 views, with over 450 videos of drumming and music.



Bill Ray endorses Stone Custom Drums, Sabian Cymbals, Pro-Mark Drumsticks, Aquarian Drumheads, Kelly SHU, Audix Mics, Kickport International, Sonall Percussion, Humes & Berg, Etymotic Research, Eccentric Systems, Slug Percussion Products and Prentice Practice Pads.