

# *Derek Badon*

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Derek Badon has been helping the Louisiana stars percussion ensemble since its initial start in 2014. At camps he mostly sticks with snare drums but does not mind drifting to other sections if assistance is needed. Derek started his drum corps experience with Spirit of JSU wayyyyyyyyyy back in 2003. This experience was a special one since he previously went through two other drum corps auditions that didn't go so hot. But persevere he did, and after becoming an alternate Mr. Badon made the snareline. The staff that summer would change and influence him to become a member of Phantom Regiment 2004 and Music City Mystique 2006 and 2007. Derek also entered two solo competitions for snare drum: Pasic 2004 3<sup>rd</sup> place ; LMCGPC 2014 alumni class. "It has and always will be a blessing to march, be directed and instructed by great human beings!!" In between this grand adventure Derek was able to help over 10 high schools in southern Louisiana and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He was able to provide numerous compositions, instruction; visual design; show design; honor band and all-state preparation and adjudication; clinics; sooo many band camps, lol; a couple of awards n' stuff. "The most important was providing fun and good times for the children and students that gave 108% everyday with my colleagues and I."

In the meantime Derek is patiently waiting for the season to start, finishing up certification for Mathematics, hanging out playing: didgeridoo, vibraphone, and officially hacking on a practice pad (with a met and a scoop for sound projection; pad hands ☺ )

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