

Full Bio - Graham Kirkwood

Graham Kirkwood has been drumming competitively for over 35 years. Taught by his father, Jim Kirkwood, Graham comes from a strong drumming pedigree. He was not only inspired by his father, but also his late brother and accomplished piper, Lindsay Kirkwood, whom Graham attributes his knowledge of piping tunes and musical idioms.

Graham has played in various Grade 1 bands including:

Clan Mac Farlane;

78th Fraser Highlanders;

Toronto Police;

Peel Regional Police;

and Spirit of Scotland.

He has also been Lead Drummer of Niagara Regional Police Grade 2 and Peel Regional Police Grade 1.

Graham has instructed such bands as Georgetown Pipe Band and Hamilton Police Pipe Band, and he has presented workshops with other bands.

Graham resides in Oakville with his wife, Trish and his son, James, both accomplished players. He is a Drumming Adjudicator with the PPBSO, and he is currently enjoying his reprieve from playing in bands at the moment.

Scope of Practice – Although Graham has taught both solo drumming and pipe band drumming for some time, he is unavailable to teach at present. He encourages any individuals seeking solo drumming instruction or pipe band drum corps instruction to contact a professional drumming teacher, such as those mentioned in the PPBSO Drumming Teachers' List.