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Tom Bancroft is a drummer, composer, bandleader and educator. Trained as a doctor Tom now makes a living from music. He has played with musicians ranging from Sun Ra & Martyn Bennett to Geri Allen and Bill Wells. He is a key member of the 80 piece Grit Orchestra that features many leading scottish jazz, folk, and classical musicians and plays with Graeme Stephen in the award winning Playtime collective that performs every fortnight in Edinburgh, and the Go Get It Trio. Tom is a founder member of the Pathhead Music Collective where he curates (with Martin Green from LAU) the PIE series of improvised/experimental concerts in a village hall. He leads other occasional creative projects like big band Orchestro Interrupto, and the non-jazz electronic/experimental group Vincent - with Japanese avant-grade pianist Satoko Fuji, and In Common - a project finding common ground between Indian Classical and Scottish Jazz musicians, and jazz and traditional singers. After running Scottish Jazz record company Caber Music for 7 years between 1998 and 2005, he now runs the music education company ABC Creative Music with his twin brother Phil.

### MUSIC EDUCATION CV:

Tom is largely a self taught musician but has studied drums with Joe Morello in the US, Okoe Ardyfio in Ghana, and Suresh Vaidyanathan in India. He also studied composition and arranging at McGill University, Montreal for a year. He has taught drums privately and at a wide range of jazz workshops and masterclasses and music and creativity in a wide range of all types of education establishments from primary schools in Morocco to Universities in Rochester. Tom co-led the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland with Laura MacDonald for 2 years. Along with his brother Phil he developed the Apple Banana Carrot Method for teaching improvisation whilst they were running the Grampian Jazz School in the 1990s. This was so successful they started the music education company ABC Creative Music in 2001 ([www.abccreativemusic.com](http://www.abccreativemusic.com)) which develops creative music resources for mainstream schools, nurseries, and special needs centres and now has nearly 10,000 teacher subscribers across the world Tom & Phil are in the process of publishing their theories on music education and the psychology of creativity.

Within ABC, Tom has wide experience in classroom teaching, resource design and development, project management, and leading large-scale performance projects, bringing together children from several schools to perform together in an end-of-project spectacles (see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M\\_jOL-ti3hY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_jOL-ti3hY&feature=youtu.be) and <http://interrupto.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/tom-stephen.mov>)

He has developed a passion for coding to produce interactive on-screen games and apps allowing children to create their own music as part of educational programmes.

### PLAYED WITH LIST:

List of people Tom has played with includes:

Sun Ra, Martyn Bennett, Bill Wells, Geri Allen, Sheila Jordan, Bobby Wellins, Tommy Smith, Satoko Fuji, Shooglenifty, and a host of other leading British & European folk and jazz musicians, Zapp 4 String Quartet, Furio Di Castri, Graeme Stephen, Julian Arguelles, Branford Marsalis, Oliver Lake, and many more.....