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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

Gerri 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. He is a leading part of the

award winning [Playtime](#) collective that after 6 years in a venue in Edinburgh, has put on concerts online nearly

every week since the start of COVID in 2020, and developed an [innovative way of improvising with](#)

[international guests](#) across the internet.

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 creative projects like big

band **Orchestra Interrupto**, and [In Common](#) - a project finding common ground between Indian Classical and

Scottish Jazz musicians, and jazz and traditional singers, and **African Groove Machine** featuring Adie Baako

Elias and Thomas Annang from Ghana.

After running Scottish Jazz record company **Caber Music** for 7 years between 1998 and 2005 and releasing

over 40 albums of Scottish jazz, he now runs the music education company [ABC Creative Music](#) with his twin

brother Phil that has over 10,000 teachers and 2,000 parents world wide signed up for creative music

education resources. Tom is a very experienced music educator at all levels from kindergarten to

conservatoire. Tom is very interested in different musical traditions and pedagogies around the world, and has

played, taught, and studied with musicians in the US, Canada, India, Ghana, Russia, France, Holland,

Senegal, Vietnam, and Taiwan.