



Theresa "Teri" Cote' Class of 2023

Teri graduated from Las Plumas High School (LPHS) in 1987 and was a member of the Water Ski Club, the band and the leader of the award-winning Drum Corp. As a band member, she performed at numerous parades, concerts and festivals as well as various benefit concerts with the Marcy Brothers Band.

Teri began playing the drums seriously at age 13, although she knew she wanted to be a drummer at age seven, creating her first drum set with pots, pans, Tupperware, wooden spoons and a Folger's coffee can as her "throne" to call her very own. She jammed with her early influences, Earth Wind and Fire, Michael Jackson and Prince, among others.

At age 14, she began playing drums professionally with the Marcy Brothers Band who were signed with Warner Bothers Records. They were the opening act for the Oak Ridge Boys, Johnny Cash, and Eddie Rabbit, to name a few.

After LPHS, she moved to Scottsdale, AZ, graduated from the Allure Infinite Beauty College and also had a very creative artistic custom furniture business called Something Southwest. She also worked as a hair stylist as well as playing in a band led by Country Music Legend Glenn Campbell's band director. She and LPHS band director, Glenn Dawson, often co-wrote songs together. During this time, she became well known as an up-and-coming drummer, meeting and playing with many famous songwriters and artists in the music business.

From 2003-2017, Teri performed in many different states as well as Europe, performing with the David Cassidy Band as a drummer and vocalist. Over the years, she also performed with other bands in Japan, Asia, Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Teri is not only a highly talented professional drummer, but has written songs with mega stars, taught at band camps and done illustrations for children's books. She is also a Visual Artist, working acrylics on canvas, jewelry, papier mâché and graphic design. Another of her talents is as a photographer, having many backstage concert experiences with famous artists.

Her Drum Jewels business started when she represented Rimshot-Locs, a drum accessories company. She made jewelry using Rim-Locs that were originally oriented towards drummers. The line has grown to include jewelry that shows her love of nature, each piece personally designed and hand crafted by Teri.

While touring the world as a drummer and extending her many talents as described above, Teri also found time to do public service performing with the Marcy Brothers at local benefit concerts. She performed with the David Cassidy Band in the Jerry Lewis telethon, and in 2011 created and directed the Green Spring Music Festival to benefit breast cancer victim, Nita Palooza, and again in 2012 with the same festival with benefits going to her local fire department and schools.

Throughout her highly successful career, Teri has performed with numerous very famous musicians. To name a few, David Cassidy, guitarist Clint Strong, Bo Diddley, the Groovin Juniors, Craig Chaquico of Jefferson Airplane- Starship, The Resentments, Willie Nelson, Freddy Powers, Asleep at the Wheel and Top 40 Band, Ohana. She has received company endorsements from Yamaha, Remo, Vic Firth Inc., Sabian and Rimshot Locs.

Craig Snider, Record Producer, writes in his letter of support, *"Teri isn't just a musician, she is a true multidimensional artist. She paints beautifully and expressively, designs and creates jewelry and grows beautiful gardens every year. As a teacher, I have seen her share knowledge in a patient, kind*

and caring way. Her students thrive under her tutelage. I have hired and collaborated on numerous projects and artists with Teri, and am always impressed with her creativity, enthusiasm, musicality and positivity.”

Teri and her husband, Sergio Belotti, an associate professor in the percussion department at Berklee College of Music, make their home in Boston where she continues playing music in bands, owns and runs a drum shop where she also teaches drums, owns a custom jewelry business, continues creating art, illustrating and publishing children’s books and continues her education attending classes at Berklee College of Music.