

Born and raised in St. Louis, Mo...Francis Wyatt was exposed to great music at an early age. He was introduced to percussion through local drum and bugle corps in the St. Louis area. From that point on, there was no doubt that music was going to be an integral part of his life.

Francis had the pleasure of performing and touring with Joe Henderson, Conrad Herwig, Tony Dumas, Rex Richardson, Stefon Harris & George Mraz. He has also shared the stage with likes of Michael Brecker, Carl Fontana, Bobby Watson, & Arturo Sandoval.

As a 10-year veteran of the Air Force Band in Dayton, Oh, Fran served as the timpanist for the Concert band, and drummer for the jazz band, show band and rock group. During that time Fran also won the drum chair for the Air Force Academy Jazz Band "The Falconaires".

When asked "what kind of music do you like", his response is simply "good". Fran enjoys playing everything from country to bebop jazz....with a 7 year stint with "The Greek Tycoons" thrown in. Other groups that Fran has played in include Reverse Wave (jazz fusion), Standard Time (straight ahead & bebop), Upbeat Brass (brass chamber ensemble) and several others.

Fran currently works as a jazz artist performing with Glen Johnson & Hot Horns (Indianapolis), The 4 C-Notes (Jersey Boys review from Chicago), and other artists from Chicago, Dayton and Cincinnati. He also plays drums with the JoySwing Christian Jazz Orchestra.

Fran is also the Worship Pastor at Westlake Church of God in Avon, Indiana. He has been involved in Worship Ministry for the past 20 years on staff at Willowcreek Community Church (Chicago, Illinois), Ginghamburg United Methodist Church (Dayton, Ohio) and St Lukes United Methodist Church (Indianapolis, Indiana).