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LAPD Band

by Christina Challey

From opera to big band jazz, from the Casa Italiana Opera Company to the Top Hat Big Band, from marching band to concert band, LAPD Band member Scott Firestone has played drums for an array of musical genres. Although proficient in all of these, as it turns out, his passion is playing for musical theater! His favorite shows include “Hair,”



At Central Division's area inspection.

“Fiddler on the Roof,” “Guys and Dolls,” “Anything Goes” and “Oklahoma.”

Scott grew up in the San Fernando Valley and began his love for the drums while doing some window-shopping outside a music store in Panorama City. Although only 11 at the time, he said he saw a drum set in the window and “literally needed to be dragged away.” He got his drums, and after a few months of lessons, joined the sixth-grade concert band at Wilbur Elementary School in Tarzana. From then on, and through his college years in San Diego, he played in concert bands, jazz bands, marching bands and occasionally, any band that happened to be holding a jam session.

Scott has performed with, in addition to the above-mentioned groups, the L.A. Doctors Symphony, the Topanga Symphony and the Center Stage Opera Company. While in the percussion section of the L.A. Symphonic Winds, under the direction of Stephen Piazza, Scott got to accompany the group on several international tours to Austria, Italy, France and the United Kingdom.

When asked what drummers have inspired him, he said, “This is always a tough one, as you really need to focus on the style that these particular drummers play. From a young age, I was always blown away by the amazing Buddy Rich. Other great drummers I admire are Ringo, Neil Peart (Rush), Steve Gadd and Louie Bellson.”

Although playing the drums is Scott's first love, he says a number of years back he took a beginning guitar class, and a year later, an intro piano class. He didn't stick with either, but said his plan is to “re-explore both of these instruments again in the near future.”

Scott has a number of talents and hobbies. Along with driving for Lyft, Scott likes to take scuba trips, sail, golf and camp. He also enjoys arranging travel packages for people, such as cruises and tours. Along with all of this, he said he's a “roller-coaster enthusiast” and is also currently working on his first five-minute stand-up routine!



Scott with a drum set.

Scott joined the LAPD Band about eight months ago, and said he enjoys being a part of a band that plays at prestigious and important civic events. “I really have enjoyed being part of this fine group of musicians,” he said. The LAPD Band is happy to have such a talented drummer and stand-up comedian in the group!

For more information about the Band, please contact Jim Starr, executive director: sngcop@aol.com. For greatly appreciated donations, please go to www.lapolicefoundation.org, and in the comments box, put “for the Band.” ♦





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Monday Feb 25th
1000 HOURS: GS Race (Skiers and Snowboarders) Mammoth Mountain
1400 HOURS: Nordic Race (4K Classic and 8K Skate) Tamarack Cross Country Center
1730 HOURS: Awards at Mammoth Brewing Company

Tuesday Feb 26th
1000 HOURS: Slalom Race (Skiers and Snowboarders) Mammoth Mountain
1300 HOURS: Rick Conrado Memorial Dual GS for top 16 Skiers and Top 8 Snowboarders
1730 HOURS: Awards Party at Mammoth Rock 'n' Bowl

Wednesday Feb 27th
1000 HOURS: Super-G Race (Skiers and Snowboarders) Mammoth Mountain
1200 HOURS: Super-G Awards and closing remarks in front of Mammoth Race Department

For Registration go to: <https://lapraac.org/event-calendar/>
For Info contact Mike Braun: Lapdski@verizon.net

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Entry Registration Closes Feb 17th



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