



Strategies for Success

And

Registration Forms

# Purpose of Document

The Purpose of this document is to present a narrative and detailed case that shows the value of the service or products in a concise fashion to allow parents or decision makers to make a knowledgeable determination of the value of the service or products for our members.

This document is broken down into four areas:

1. **Overview of The Drum Academy-** What is T.D.A.?  
How do lessons work and who is the drum coach?
2. **Objectives and Assumptions-** What are the objectives and goals of The Miller Method™? What is typically required of a member?
3. **Strategic Methods and Results-** How does the Miller Method work?  
What can a member expect in terms of results?
4. **Next Steps-** Registration / Tuition, and Studio Policy.

## Overview of The Drum Academy

### *What is TDA?*

The Drum Academy (TDA) is a private educational business whose primary focus is on drum and percussion coaching. The current TDA studio is located at David Miller's home. All lessons will take place on the property of the studio with a drum coach for the scheduled session (with the exception of field trips). Most materials a member will use for lessons will be initially provided for by TDA (so no need to run out and purchase a bunch of books and DVDs).

## *Who is the Drum Coach?*

The founder and president of TDA is David Miller. With 20+ years experience in drums and percussion, David has the experience, the technical knowledge, and the creative skill that only comes from a two decades in drums.

He established the Black Thunder Winter Drumline at Chancellor High School in 1994 and has received numerous awards for outstanding musical and leadership ability. David is an accomplished artist and performer with published works. He has served as a judge for the local Guitar Center's Drum-Off competition multiple times.

David is married to Melissa Miller and has four children (Rachel, David, Jonathan and Levi). He served as the Director of Percussive Arts and as Youth Pastor for 12 years at Rock Church Ministries and has played with Crossroads Vineyard Church Praise Band 2008-2013 and River of Life (AOG) Praise Band on and off.

## **Objectives and Assumptions**

### *Goals of the Miller Method™*

The Miller Method™ is a fully customizable systematic approach to learning the art of drumming. The Miller Method™ is designed for each participant to develop well rounded skill sets that will lead to a solid ability in drums, percussion, and leadership. Based on the four elements of Counting, Chops, Musicality, and Execution, each participant will develop at their own pace, from their own style of music from where they're abilities begin (from beginner to expert or as we say "From Zero to Hero").

For example, if a member is at a professional level in execution (20 min soloing) But at a beginner level in counting (reading sheet music) then using the Miller Method™, the drum-coach can customize a systematic approach to develop the Counting skills.

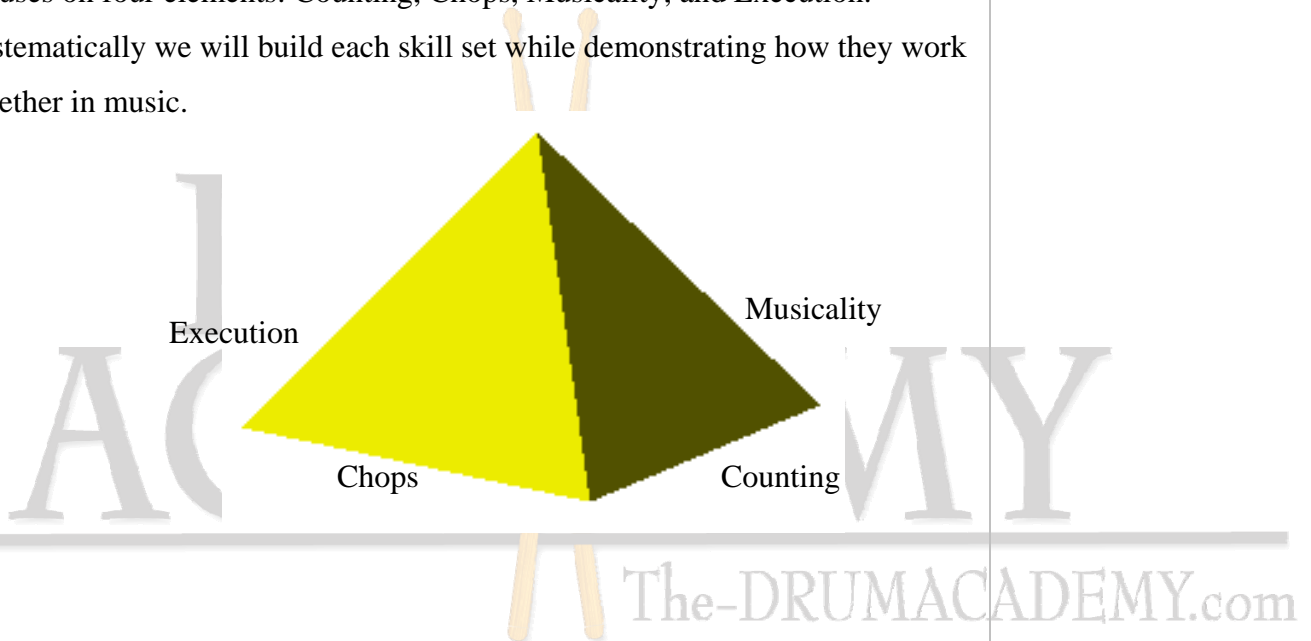
## *What is Typically Required of a Member?*

Members are required to: Be prompt for sessions, Bring material and drum sticks, Practice a little everyday, Pay tuition on time, Bring a positive attitude, Abide by all studio policies and Communicate with your coach.

## **Strategic Methods and Results**

### *How does the Miller Method™ Work?*

It works like a four sided pyramid. First level is the base, the foundation; which focuses on four elements: Counting, Chops, Musicality, and Execution. Systematically we will build each skill set while demonstrating how they work together in music.



### *What Kind of Results Can I Expect?*

Members can expect to be equipped with all the knowledge they need to play any piece of music (at their level) or percussive instrument they put their hands to (provided they practice). They can expect to learn how to read and write music, and will be treated with respect for where they are and challenged to become what they could be.

# Next Steps

## ***Registration / Tuition***

There will be a \$25 registration fee for logistics.

***Tuition:*** \$97 monthly for weekly half hour sessions.

*\*Tuition is due upon the first session of the month.*

## ***What Now?***

Now is when the fun begins and your dreams of being a drummer begin to take off. Please call or email me with your decision right away because space is limited and sessions will fill quickly! Please review, sign and return the Registration Form with Registration fee at your first session along with your first month's tuition.

*\*Tuition payments guarantee studio space and time.*

*\*\*Make all personal checks payable to David Miller.*

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# REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Parent or adult Student \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female

## Family Information

### Persons Authorized to Pick Up Students under 18

Please list anyone providing transportation for your children. Include teen drivers who may drive themselves and/or their siblings. Once the student is released from class or lessons, he/she is no longer under the supervision of The Drum Academy.

First and Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

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[www.The-DrumAcademy.com](http://www.The-DrumAcademy.com)

#### Check List

- \_\_\_ This registration form (with \$25 fee for logistics)
- \_\_\_ Release and Waivers Form
- \_\_\_ Emergency Information Form
- \_\_\_ Cooperation Statement
- \_\_\_ Drum Sessions Form
- \_\_\_ Payment (1<sup>st</sup> month's tuition)

# Emergency Medical Information

Condition	Name of child to whom this applies
Allergies (please specify)	
Injuries/surgeries which may affect student's participation in class	
Emotional/behavioral issues	
Persistent condition/infection	
Medications	
Diabetic/hypoglycemic	
Eyeglasses/contacts/hearing aids	
Other (please describe)	
Special Instructions	

**Alternate Emergency Contact** (We will only call if we are unable to reach a parent or guardian)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# Releases and Waivers

**TERMS:** Payments for sessions may be made by check (make checks payable to the order of David Miller) or cash and are due on the first session of each month for private lessons or at the beginning of the term for other classes. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Indicate name of student on the check in lower left corner. Absences are discouraged as regular progress can only be obtained by regular participation. Tuition payments guarantee studio space and time.

**Materials:** Tuition fee now includes classroom materials. If students are required to purchase their own books and/or supplies, they will be notified by their coach.

**TUITION:** \$97 monthly for weekly (4 per month) half hour sessions.

\*Months with 5 weekends allows for "Fifth Family Fun Day": No sessions are taught with the goal of promoting time with family and friends for all students and coaches.

**Paid tuition guarantees your studio space and time.**

**Tuition is due the first session of every month.**

**If tuition is not paid in full, a statement will be sent mid-month and will suspend further sessions until debt is paid in full.**

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## **Cancellation and Make-up Policy**

- 1) No refund or credit will be given for cancellation or absence by the student.
- 2) Any lesson cancelled by your instructor will either be rescheduled or credited to your account.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** In case of inclement weather, The Drum Academy closures will be announced by email and posted on The Drum Academy Facebook page.

**MODEL RELEASE:** For promotional purposes, photographs and/or video may be taken at The Drum Academy. Your registration constitutes permission for The Drum Academy to use the above student(s)'s picture in print and electronic materials. The name of a minor student will not be released in conjunction with his/her photograph.

**PARTICIPATION RELEASE:** I hereby give my child(ren) listed above permission to participate in The Drum Academy in Fredericksburg VA. The Drum Academy, David Miller, and any member of the Miller family are not responsible or liable for personal items, property or clothing brought on the premises by students or their families.

## **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I further release The Drum Academy and David Miller and persons connected with it/him, from any and all liability for any injury or damages whatsoever arising from any participation. This release form is completed and signed of my own free will with purpose of granting my or my child(ren) listed above permission to participate releasing liability specifically as stated above.

Parent/Guardian Signature (or student if over 18)

Date

# Student's Copy



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# Cooperation Statement.

I understand that as a student/member in The Drum Academy sessions, I am expected to behave in an orderly manner.

I agree to the following guidelines:

- I will abide by the policies of The Drum Academy and David Miller
- I will not disclose the content, or the trade secrets of the Miller Method™ or The Drum Academy
- I will be respectful of the leaders and other members
- I will maintain a pleasant attitude and will avoid complaining and whining
- I will be obedient to and cooperative with the coaches.
- I understand that I may not leave the studio without permission during or at the end of class
- I understand that the coaches are my authority during class time and that they have permission from my parents to deal with any violation of the above in the following way:

Strike 1: I will receive a warning.

Strike 2: I will be instructed to sit out for a period of time during the session, determined by my coach.

Strike 3: My session will end immediately and I'll be escorted to the door and released to my parent/ride. My parent or guardian will be notified about the incident.

I understand that The Drum Academy is a serious drum school for people who can receive instruction and want to learn, therefore I will approach my sessions as a professional and nothing less.

## Parent Signatures

I have reviewed this with my child.

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(Parent Signature) (date)

## Student Signature

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