

# Matthew Skoda (13)

AKA - Matt Skoda

Biography and Social Media

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Originally from Memphis, Nashville resident, Matthew "Matt" Skoda, began his drumming about the time he could talk. When asked by his grandmother what he wanted for Christmas, he immediately said "drum".

He got his first drum at two years of age and he was on his way. At four, Matt entered formal lessons at the local church conservatory and furthered his lessons and performance efforts while at School of Rock. This culminated in his first public gig on his ninth birthday at the Hard Rock Cafe in Memphis on Beale Street!

Matthew continued his drumming lessons in addition to his work with the School of Rock until moving to Nashville in 2015. It was there that his music training would be furthered by Jon Hull, who also works with Jason Aldean's band and lead drummer, Rich Redmond.

Matt formed his band, the [Next Door Boys](#), in January of 2017 and has been gigging since, playing classic and southern rock covers.

He is continuing his formal lessons along with the band's practice sessions that take place weekly in his home studio. He is accelerating his training through additional



formal lessons at local drum clinics with drum legends like Rich Redmond of Jason Aldean, Troy Luccketta of Tesla and Todd Sucherman of Styx. Greg Upchurch, the drummer from 3 Doors Down, is his weekly drum instructor.

In December of 2018, Matthew auditioned for and was selected to be the drummer for the Tones, a seven-piece band sponsored by [Cedarstone School of Music](#), playing mostly pop and rock classics along with original music.

In addition to his drumming, Matthew has begun learning music production using FL Studio. He is an avid tech user and is working on developing his Python programming skills while advancing his music career.

Matt Skoda is thirteen years old.

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