

GEORGE RAMIREZ

Along with directing the Latin Jazz Ensemble at Fresno City College, George is the Director of Percussion Studies at Roosevelt School of the Arts and also directs the RSA Steel Drum Ensemble. He has co-directed the RSA Latin Jazz and Jazz Ensembles and has taught Percussion Pedagogy at CSU, Fresno. He holds a Master of Music Degree with Honors from CSU, Los Angeles and maintains a very successful private teaching studio. As a professional drum set artist, he has toured the Far East and across the United States. A versatile player, George is very active as a freelance musician performing at concerts, shows, recording sessions, churches, and various local venues. Some of the artists George has performed or recorded with include Arturo Sandoval, Laurindo Almeida, Mark Levine, Juan Serrano, Rebeca Mauleon, Mary Wilson, and the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra. As a member of the highly acclaimed CSU, Fresno Jazz Band 'A', George received the Zildjian Outstanding Combo Drummer and the Sabian Outstanding Big Band Drummer Awards at the Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival. As an educator, some of his students' accomplishments include All-State High School Jazz Band, FMCMEA High School/Jr. High Honor Jazz Band, winning local Guitar Center Drumoff Competitions, 1st Chair Honor Band/Honor Orchestra, and admission to prestigious universities. The Steel Drum Ensemble, is in very high demand for various local functions.