

FULL BIOGRAPHY

Danny Gottlieb is one of the most popular drummers in jazz and contemporary music. While best known as the drummer in the original Pat Metheny Group, of which he was a member for six years, Danny, during the past 30 years, has performed and recorded with some of the world's greatest musicians.

As a group member, he has worked with the following ensembles:

- Airto and Flora Purim Group
- Al DiMeola Project
- Ali Ryerson-Joe Beck Group
- Andy Laverne Quintet
- Blues Brothers Band
- Bobby McFerrin Trio
- Bobby Rydell
- Booker T and the MG's
- Carnegie Hall Jazz Orchestra
- Chuck Owen Jazz Surge
- Eddie Gomez Group
- Elements (co-leader with Mark Egan)
- Fritz Renold Friends
- Gary Burton Quartet
- George Gruntz Concert Jazz Band
- Gil Evans Orchestra
- Haru Trio
- Jack Wilkins Group
- Jacqui Naylor Band
- Jazz is Dead
- WDR Big Band
- Jeff Berlin Trio
- Joanne Brackeen Quartet
- Joe Beck Trio
- Joe Farrell Quintet
- John McLaughlin's Mahavishnu Orchestra
- Knut Varnes Group
- Lew Soloff Food Group
- Loren Schoenberg Big Band
- Manhattan Jazz Orchestra: GRP Big Band
- Manhattan Jazz Quintet
- Michael Franks Band
- Mike Stern Trio
- NDR Big Band
- Neenah Freelon Group
- Pat Metheny Group
- Pete Levin Trio
- Randy Brecker Quartet
- Stan Getz Quintet
- Tip Toe Jazz Orchestra
- Vanguard Jazz Orchestra
- Lt. Dan Band

Danny has also performed or recorded with:

- Badal Roy
- Bill Evans
- Branford Marsalis
- Chick Corea
- Chris Conner
- Clark Terry
- David Byrne
- Dino Saluzzi
- Ernie Wilkins
- Gerry Mulligan
- Herbie Hancock
- Hiram Bullock
- Hubert Laws
- Jeff Richman
- Jim Hall
- Jimmy Haslip
- Kenny Barron
- Larry Coryell
- Mark Murphy
- Mike Abene
- Mike Richmond
- Mike Wolff
- Miroslav Vitous
- Nana Vasconcellos
- Rufus Reid
- Russell Ferrante
- Sting
- Trilok Gurtu
- Wayne Shorter

Danny appears on over 300 CDs to date, including 4 Grammy winners. As a leader, Danny has 5 CDs under his own name, 9 as co-leader of Elements, with Mark Egan; 2 as co-leader with Pete Levin, and 3 as co-leader of the Contempo Trio, with Mark Soskin and Chip Jackson.

A product of the musical education system, Danny earned BM in 1975 from the University of Miami. He has studied privately off and on with jazz legend Joe Morello for over 30 years. Danny has also studied with late studio guru Gary Chester, late Big band master Mel Lewis, Ed Soph, Bob Moses, and Jack DeJohnette. Danny is currently an Associate Professor of Jazz Studies at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida, teaching applied drum set lessons, and a Distance Learning Evolution of Jazz Class.

Danny has released 10 educational DVDs for the Mel Bay Company, including three with his legendary teacher, Joe Morello, entitled "Natural Drumming". He has also co-authored a text "The Drummer's Workbook" with Michael Green. A second text, "In the Style of the Great Jazz Masters" is scheduled for release in Fall 2009.

Danny has been on the covers of Modern Drummer, Down Beat, Drums and Percussion, Rhythm, and Drum Scene magazines.

He currently endorses: Zildjian Cymbals, Remo Drum Heads, Basix Drums, Hot Sticks, Eames Drum Shells, Calato Brushes, Vic Firth Mallets, Alternate Mode-Kat products, Shure Microphones, Hammerax Products. Danny has also released a sample library through the Sonic Reality Company.