

Gregg Potter

Emmy-Award winning drummer Gregg Potter is the drummer with the new Buddy Rich Band, a 16-piece big band of Buddy alumni who played with Buddy Rich himself! Gregg fronted The BR Band throughout the Buddy Rich Centennial Celebration Year 2017-2018 World Tour. The tour included a crisscrossing of the United States as well as a barnstorming of Europe. The European stint included a sold out week of shows at the prestigious Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London, where Buddy recorded several albums and solidified his drumming mastery abroad!

Gregg was most recently featured in the August 2018 issue of *Drumhead Magazine*, the number one drum magazine in circulation. He was also featured in the December 2012 special commemorative Buddy Rich issue of *Modern Drummer Magazine* and the *Drumhead Magazine* 2017 legend's issue. In 2016, Hal Leonard Publishing released a first-ever Buddy Rich *Play Along* CD/book package featuring Gregg's drumming along with the Buddy Rich Alumni Band. Gregg will front the legendary band in 2019 as they again headline shows around the world.

Gregg began his professional career after winning the Slingerland/Louie Bellson National Drum Contest at the legendary Frank's Drum Shop in Chicago. As a high school student he was presented with the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award along with several other jazz soloist individual awards. While still a teenager, he landed the drumming spot with Radio Hall of Fame icon Steve Dahl. Along with Dahl and his band Teenage Radiation, Gregg scored two hit singles, performed on Dahl's daily radio show, syndicated national shows, Emmy-Award winning television specials, feature film soundtracks, daily morning television shows and live concert appearances.

Gregg played with national recording artists and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members Joe Walsh and Rick Nielsen, among others, which led to his first major label record deal with the band, SIREN. SIREN's first album, *All Is Forgiven*, garnered two hit singles that received heavy MTV rotation and massive radio airplay.

In 2009, Gregg won an Emmy Award for his CBS Television performance at the Grammy Foundation.

Another of Gregg's career highlights is his affiliation with *Modern Drummer* magazine. Not only was he a featured artist, he also became a contributing writer for the magazine.

Gregg continues to record, tour, write, educate and gain the respect of his drumming peers.