

## **Brian Richburg, Jr.**

A New Orleans native, Brian began his drumming career in the kitchen, banging on pots and pans, graduating to a drum set at age five. A year later an international tragedy by the name of Hurricane Katrina occurred. His family evacuated to Houston then later to Orlando Florida because of his mother's job. After being in Orlando for a month and only being exposed to music in the classroom, the city declared it was ok to return. His family was hesitant but because of his father's ministry and vision they returned to New Orleans. After some weeks, his father's ministry resumed its services. There, Brian continued to listen and hone his craft until at the age of eight where he began playing full-time in his father's church. At this same time, he became a student at Lake Forest Charter School where under the tutelage of drummer Jerry McGowan he learned his rudiments, fundamentals, and learning how to read music. While in elementary school he began to participate in music programs around town. There he met musicians such as Irvin Mayfield, Delfeayo Marsalis, Herlin Riley, Donald Harrison, Jr. and many others. After being promoted from Lake Forest Charter, Brian continued to hone his craft at Louisiana's prestigious arts conservatory, NOCCA (New Orleans Center for Creative Arts). Today he studies with noted saxophonist Donald Harrison, Jr., drummers Herlin Riley, Adonis Rose, and Jason Marsalis. Brian has graced the stage with masters such as Donald Harrison, Jr., Christian Scott, Nicholas Payton, Ellis Marsalis, Delfeayo Marsalis, Vicente Archer, David Torkanowsky, Michael Peller, George French, and many others. He is active in a variety of ensembles and youth orchestras, is a YoungArts Finalist, won a scholarship to Skidmore Jazz Institute, Vail Jazz Workshop Alumni, earned a scholarship to attend the Berklee Five Summer Program this previous summer and holds numerous other jazz awards and citations. Now he's a senior at NOCCA playing around town with many of the masters of this music and plans to attend the Berklee College of Music next fall.