



Eddie Metz Jr. is one of the most accomplished and versatile drummers in traditional and mainstream jazz. Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, he received his first pair of drumsticks at age three from the drummer in his father's Dixieland band. By twelve, he was already playing professionally, beginning a career defined by exceptional swing, musical sensitivity, and an ability to bring out the best in every ensemble.

While studying jazz at William Paterson College, Metz was invited to tour with the Count Basie Orchestra. He later performed with both the Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey Orchestras, the Les and Larry Elgart Orchestra, and many leading jazz artists. His extensive credits include appearances with performers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Joe Williams, Chick Corea, Arturo Sandoval, Clark Terry, Scott Hamilton, Ken Peplowski, Sammy Davis Jr., and many others. He has appeared on dozens of recordings and at jazz festivals throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and Asia.

Metz moved to Orlando in 1986 and spent fourteen years as a full-time musician at Walt Disney World before expanding his touring and teaching schedule. In 1999, he led Tough Assignment, a recording honoring influential swing-era drummer Dave Tough. His later trio work helped introduce another celebrated chapter of his career, including collaborations with pianist Rossano Sportiello and bassist-vocalist Nicki Parrott. Their recordings include Bridging the Gap, Live at the Jazz Corner, and Strictly Confidential.

The Eddie Metz Trio is known for making sophisticated jazz feel effortless and joyful. With a repertoire that can move comfortably through swing, standards, blues, Latin influences, and the Great American Songbook, the group places conversation and spontaneity at the center of every performance. Metz leads from the drum chair with taste rather than excess, creating the kind of irresistible pulse that keeps both musicians and audiences smiling