

Jeff Mozingo has been surrounded by music his entire life. His father, Don, was a music teacher for 20 years before starting the family business, Mozingo Music, in 1972. Throughout his middle school and high school years he was a part of the St. Louis All Suburban Band and played drums on a Hawaiian and Bermuda tour.

Mr. Mozingo received his bachelor of music performance degree in percussion from Southeast Missouri State University in 1983 and went into the family business that summer. Jeff taught music for two years at St. John's Lutheran School with his father and has played professionally for twenty-nine years in which time he has played with such acts as Sammy Davis, Jr. and The Fifth Dimension.

Jeff now runs Mozingo Music with his brother, David. They are committed to furthering music education, servicing each school and music teacher, and helping to benefit their programs. He does numerous clinics for area school districts explaining sound using various percussion instruments keeping music education his main focus.

Jeff is currently playing drums for contemporary Christian artist Mark Roach and a latin/jazz band Soul Circus under the direction of Lorenzo Trujillo. His wife Rhonda and two children, Beth & Chris, are all musically inclined.

Jeff Mozingo has created a unique, interactive approach of teaching the basics of how sound works to elementary age students. In a 45 minute clinic, he uses percussion instruments to demonstrate how sounds are created, and how we hear and interpret sound around us. The basics of sound generation, transmission, and reception are demonstrated in a fun and attention holding way. Through the use of different instruments made of wood, metal, plastic, and animal skin, students see and hear how the different vibrations travel through the air and to their ears. The

possibilities available through the use of electronic drum pads and sets is also demonstrated which adds to the amusement of the students.