

HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

Live · Touring · Recording

DANTE KIERSTEAD

Drums & Percussion

Dante Kierstead is a drummer and percussionist working across jazz, indie and rock. His work spans live performance, touring and recording, from a weekly Halifax jazz residency to sessions in London.

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PROFILE

He performs regularly with idialedyournumber, Hobo Aquarium, Josef Hasler Band, and Noel Morgan & The Salty Groove. He performs weekly at Tuesday Night Jazz at the Economy Shoe Shop, alongside musicians from across Halifax's music community.

His performance and recording credits include work with Alvaro, Bethany Reid, Kim Doolittle, Madeline and Mike Cowie. His work also takes him throughout Atlantic Canada.

Dante is pursuing a Bachelor of Music at Dalhousie University's Fountain School of Performing Arts, where he has been named to the Dean's List. He holds a Music Arts Diploma from NSCC.

PERFORMANCE AND TOURING

Ontario and Quebec / 2026

Tour dates with idialedyournumber.

London UK / 2026

Performed with Madeline and recorded at Abbey Road Studios.

Cuba / 2025

Performed alongside Canadian and Cuban musicians through the Los Primos Project.

Recording and media

SELECTED RECORDING CREDITS

Josef Hasler <i>LIVE</i> Drums	2026
Hobo Aquarium <i>Hobo LIVE!</i> Drums, percussion, backing vocals Lead vocals on "Sexy Back"	2026
Bethany Reid <i>You Alone</i> Drums on "Glass" and "Voyeurism"	2026
idialedyournumber <i>Teenage Widow</i> Drums on tracks 1, 2, 4–8, 10 Additional composition on track 10	2026
Alvaro <i>Alone TOGETHER the live record</i> Drums	2025
Hobo Aquarium <i>BOY GIRL MAN</i> Drums	2025
Kempy <i>The Heart's a Heavy Burden</i> Drums	2025
Miguel Hosking <i>Burning Bridges at High Speeds</i> Drums	2025
Dyson Knight <i>Feeling the Magic</i> Drums	2024

SELECTED VIDEOS



Josef Hasler Band
Live at Bearly's >



Alvaro
ALone TOGETHER live film >



idialedyournumber
Lovebird >

[More performances on YouTube >](#)

SELECTED PRESS

Dante Kierstead drums up a storm

Dalhousie Gazette · September 2026

Profile of Dante's touring, collaborations and work in Halifax's music scene.

[Read article >](#)

For a Good East-Coast Emo Time, Toronto Called idialedyournumber at Second Summer Festival

Exclaim! · September 2026

Live review from Toronto's Second Summer Festival, featuring Dante on drums.

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Inside idialedyournumber's Teenage Widow

The Coast · July 2026

Feature on the album and its recording, featuring Dante on drums.

[Read article >](#)

Jazz Isn't Just for Wednesdays

Dalhousie Gazette · October 2025

Feature on Tuesday Night Jazz at the Economy Shoe Shop.

[Read article >](#)

Education and recognition

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music

Dalhousie University
Fountain School of Performing Arts
2025–present · Dean's List

Music Arts Diploma

Nova Scotia Community College · 2023–2025
Highest academic average in Music Arts
First year 2024 and second year 2025

SELECTED HONOURS AND AWARDS

James A. Faraday Memorial Music Award

Fountain School of Performing Arts, Dalhousie University · 2025

Judith A. Grant Award

Nova Scotia Talent Trust · 2025

Ian Lamont McLachlan Jazz Scholarship

Fountain School, Dalhousie University · 2025

Judith A. Grant Bursary

Nova Scotia Talent Trust · 2025

Dream Hughie Award

The Hughie Langin Foundation · 2025

Larrie Londin Memorial Scholarship

Percussive Arts Society · 2023

Stan Carew Memorial Scholarship

Citadel High School · 2023

James H. Hargreaves Memorial Scholarship

Nova Scotia Band Association · 2023

Charlie A'Court Scholarship for Excellence in Music

Minister's Awards for Excellence in Creative Arts · 2023

Additional awards and scholarships, 2018–2023.



AVAILABLE FOR

Live performance
Touring
Recording
Session work

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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