

## Drummer with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee launches music company

Seattle, Washington- Ben Smith, drummer for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Heart, has launched the Ben Smith Music Company.

Ben Smith Music Company offers services supporting musicians and music artists, music fans, and organizations needing music. Smith provides performing, recording, and production services, consulting, artist coaching, drum clinics, and team building, with the goal of making the world brighter through music. Services provided and charitable outreach can be found at [www.bensmithmusicco.com/](http://www.bensmithmusicco.com/)

Based in the heart of Seattle and equipped with the best technology available for recording and mixing, the Ben Smith Music Company recording studio is where Smith records and produces music for his music projects, including commercials and movies. He also records and produces the music of other artists and clients in the studio, bringing his experience and creativity to the musicians he records. The state-of-the-art studio features:

- Protools HD Native
- 16 channels of high-quality mic preamps
- Full selection of mics to record rhythm basics, vocals and overdubs, as well as in-house drums, percussion and keyboards/soft synths.

The Ben Smith Music Company also offers artist coaching services designed to create and execute proven strategies to expose and guide musicians through the music industry's crazy maze as efficiently and productively as possible. This allows musicians to remain laser focused on gaining exposure and moving forward.

"Ben has produced a number of our band's releases and every time he is relaxed and easy to work with. He has such incredible ideas for our tracks, all based on years of experience, but he's always willing to listen to our ideas too, which produces incredibly creative results. His connections and experience have been a critical component of our success," explained John Wilson, member of Dimestore Prophets.

"When I work with artists, I use my experience and connections to design, build, and implement a holistic marketing map, website, design & logo, PR, press and media, effective social media, community relationships, and lots more to get the musicians where they want to be. I love everything about music- from consulting new and established artists and projects, to performing, songwriting, arranging, and production and co-production. This includes sound engineering and recording in my Seattle studio," explained Smith.

A professional musician for nearly 40 years, Smith has enjoyed an extensive career, recording and performing with the band Heart on tour for over 20 years, and on popular shows such as the *Tonight Show*, *The Ellen Show*, *Today*, and *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, and working with artists and producers live and in the studio.

Smith started touring and recording with Lovemongers, featuring Ann and Nancy Wilson in 1994. Continuing on with Heart, Smith hasn't stopped touring, performing, producing and recording since the late 90's. Highlights with Heart have included contributing drums to their releases *Jupiter's Darling*, *Red Velvet Car*, *Fanatic*, and on Ann Wilson's solo record *Hope and Glory*, featuring performances by Sir Elton John, Alison Krauss, Nancy Wilson, Shawn Colvin, Rufus Wainwright, KD Lang, Gretchen Wilson, and others.

Smith's film and television work has included sessions for composer Nancy Wilson, starting with the film and soundtrack for *Almost Famous*, featuring Peter Dinklage and Mike McCready of Pearl Jam, which included the songs by the band "Stillwater." The soundtrack for this film won the Grammy award for Best Soundtrack in 2001, and the film took the Oscar for Best Screenplay. Smith also performed on the soundtracks for *Vanilla Sky*, *Elizabethtown*, *Smoke Signals*, *Around the Fire*, *Skins* and *Mod Squad*. TV work includes writing/performing pieces for *Fox Sports*, *Bones*, and others.

In addition, Smith has performed live and/or recorded with dozens of musical legends, including Ann Wilson, Peter Frampton, Mike McCready, Taj Mahal, Phoebe Snow, Boy Meets Girl, and a host of other amazing, hard-working musicians worldwide.

A prolific and accomplished drummer based in Seattle, Washington with a career spanning over 40 years, including 21 years as the drummer for the 2013 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Heart, Smith has composed and played on several award-winning films and television programs. Smith has performed live and in the studio with Heart since 1994.

To learn more about Ben Smith Music Company, visit [www.bensmithmusicco.com/](http://www.bensmithmusicco.com/)

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