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Drummer, composer, and educator based in NYC, Samuel has a master degree in Jazz Studies (City University of New York - Queens College) He has worked with great names in jazz and Brazilian music, including Grammy nominated, and Latin Grammy awarded artists, names such Claudio Roditi, legendary Brazilian singer Alcione, Hendrik Meurkens, Marcus McLaurine, Maestro Maurice Peress, Paul Meyers, John Lee, Itaguara Brandão, Tomoko Ohno, Dr Andre Thomas, among others, playing at important venues like Carnegie Hall, LeFrak Hall, jazz festivals and jazz clubs in US.

As an educator, he has started a project giving lectures about Brazilian music. Past appointments include Queens College, and Litchfield Jazz Camp. Samuel is endorsed by Canopus Drums from Japan, one of the most respected drum companies in the world today.

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*“Samuel is one of the most talented musicians to come out of Brazil in recent times. His taste playing the drums is impeccable either playing Brazilian music or American Jazz. I have used him on most of my recent work and have been very happy with his performances”* Claudio Roditi (Dizzy Gillespie, Paquito D’Rivera, Herbie Mann)

*“Samuel encompasses the real feeling of jazz in his approach to the music. He has a very bright future ahead.”* Marcus McLaurine (Clark Terry, Count Basie Orchestra, Abbey Lincoln)

*“Samuel is a master drummer and an extraordinary musician”.* Dennis Mackrel (Count Basie, Hank Jones, Village Vanguard Orchestra)

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