The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet



7 quick reminders to keep you focused as you're about to play.

[for tablets and smart phones]

worshiptraining

Put this cheat sheet on your iPad or smart phone, and review within 10 minutes before you're about to play – every time you play.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet

Quick Reminder #1

You lead the band – with your foot.

You are the drummer. You set the tempo. Hold the groove at all costs. If the song goes off course rhythmically, re-establish that tempo with your kick drum. Let everything else you do be gravy – playing fancy is less important than locking down that groove.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet

Quick Reminder #2

Keep your eyes on the worship leader.

The worship leader is going to need to give cues in whatever way possible during this set. Keep your eyes open and looking for cues, small or large. If you're not sure of the clues, and you sense the song going somewhere, go for it with confidence.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet

Quick Reminder #3

Play to the room.

This room needs you to play to it, and so do the people. The Sound Tech can only do so much. Be aware of the crowd, and be aware of the dynamics the pastor and worship leader are after. Play to fit the feel of this room, and that mandate.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet

Quick Reminder #4

You're here to serve.

You are here to serve worship happening in this room, and there are people who have come in desperately needing to meet with God in worship. Give your all to make that happen, playing sensitively and skillfully. Make this about them.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet

Quick Reminder #5

Get beyond the songs.

These songs are just a container for thanks, praise, and adoration from these people. Play the songs well, but turn your heart to worship as you do. You are leading with your face and intensity. People are letting you lead them in worship, so get beyond performing.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet

Quick Reminder #6

Hold back your tricks.

Try something new, but only something that you've rehearsed enough to pull off well. Now is not the time to experiment; that's called rehearsal. Sweeten this set up with one trick you've mastered and are ready to integrate.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet

Quick Reminder #7

Love what you do.

What you are about to do is a privilege. The stage is not a right or an opportunity for you to express your ministry. Love that you get to worship from your drums. Love that you get to serve your leader and this band. Love that you get to lead God's people in worship. Ready, go.

The DRUMMER Cheat Sheet



worshiptraining