## **Robb Heskett – Drums and Percussion**

Robb started playing drums at the age of eight. His father was a drummer and that's all he ever wanted to play! His various musical styles include and range from Jazz to Rock, Blues, Funk/R & B to Country/Gospel and Latin. Robb lived in Los Angeles for several years and attended LACC for music and studied with Hank Bellson, Roy Burns and Richie LePore. He played up and down the West Coast including shows in Las Vegas. He toured back and forth across the country playing shows in Atlanta/Chicago/Dallas and Nashville. He has also played orchestral percussion for many popular Broadway style shows.

Robb's interest in playing bongos, congas and Latin percussion was influenced at a concert he attended by the world-famous Tito Puente and his orchestra in Winter Park, Colorado. Robb spent 21 years as a percussion product specialist in the retail and wholesale side of the music industry doing clinics and promotional events with LP and Toca artists for music stores. He has over forty years of professional experience playing in bands for concerts, clubs, shows and corporate events.

Playing drums and percussion in the John Adams Band has been "a fantastic experience." John Denver's music demands both creativity and expression when it comes to playing percussion. The music we play allows for lots of different percussive sounds and gives me an opportunity to play with freedom and musicianship!!!

Robb teaches private drum and percussion lessons at his home studio in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

Education: Dick Grove Music School - Los Angeles City College-LACC -University of Colorado @ Denver-UCD

## Robb's Induction in the Colorado Hall of Fame

On **September 3**, **2017**, Robb was officially inducted into the **COLORADO COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME**. This prestigious organization recognizes both local musicians and national artists for their contributions to country music in the state of Colorado. Robb Heskett was honored to be the second drummer to ever be nominated and accepted into this group. The hall of fame even honors John Denver as a member!!! Country music has always influenced Robb and his playing drums and he is very humbled and proud to be honored by this!