

## **Nick Usadel**

Nick Usadel began his percussion education at Jenison High School. At Jenison High School, Nick was a member of the front ensemble during the marching season and served as section leader for the 2003 and 2004 seasons. Nick also participated in the wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, and played in the orchestra pit for various musicals. He has continued his education at Grand Valley State University where he is pursuing a Bachelor of the Arts in Music. At GVSU, Nick has been a member of the Concert Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, GVSU Marching Band, and New Music Ensemble.

Nick's marching experience includes 2 years with both the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps and the Northcoast Academy Percussion Ensemble. Nick played vibraphone and accessories for the 2007 season and xylophone for the 2008 season with the Bluecoats. For both the 2008 and 2009 seasons at Northcoast Academy, Nick played marimba and served as section leader for the 2009 season.

Nick's teaching experiences include the Jenison Marching Band from 2005-2007, the Jenison Winter Drumline from 2006-2008, Reeths Puffer Marching Band for the 2008 and 2009 seasons, and the Capital Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps for the 2009 and upcoming 2010 seasons.