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Jim is currently Instructor of Percussion and Marching Percussion Director at the University of Texas at Arlington. He is endorsed by Yamaha Drums, Vic Firth Sticks and Mallets and Sabian Cymbals.

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