

# Biography and career of matt flynn – professional drummer

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The name Matt Flynn might not immediately ring a bell to many, but since the late 1990s, he has been making unmatched contributions to the music industry playing the drum lines in some of your favorite songs. The professional drummer has played the drums for the likes of Gavin DeGraw (best known for One Tree Hill theme song, I Don't Wanna Be), Gandhi, the rock band Chicago, and the new wave band, The B-52's.

However, he is best known as the drummer for the hit pop-rock band Maroon 5. After the band's original drummer Ryan Dusick left, Matt Flynn who had been touring with the band for a couple of years was asked to replace him in 2006. Flynn may not be as popular as other band members like Adam Levine and Jesse Carmichael but there is still a lot worth knowing about him.

On the 23rd of May 1970, a star drummer that would be Matthew Flynn arrived the earth somewhere in Woodstock, New York. As a teenage boy of 14 years old, Matt Flynn began drumming. His first audience was his father who watched proudly as he played to the beat on Van Halen's 1983 Billboard number 1 song, Jump.

He shined at his school, Gunn High School and later in 1984, the same year he had begun drumming, Flynn entered his high school talent competition and was placed third. He was bested only by stand-up comedian Daniel Tosh and a dance crew that went by the name, Tropic Lightning.

Following high school graduation, Flynn proceeded to attend San Diego State University. However, he kept playing the drums and would come to be part

of many bands including The B-52's, Chicago, Gandhi, as well as playing for solo acts like K'naan, Gavin DeGraw and many others.

In 2004, Matt Flynn joined Maroon 5 as a touring member. When Ryan Dusick could no longer continue with the band due to chronic nerve injuries to his wrist and shoulders, Flynn was the best option to fill his position. He began playing in 2006 in time for the recording of their sophomore album.

Matt Flynn has helped some very successful musicians and music groups put their music together and for that, he earns quite a substantial paycheck. His biggest group, the Maroon 5 is valued at over \$45 million. However, since Flynn is not one of her founding members, it's possible he's taking home the least amount from the band's success and that amount would definitely be far from a chicken feed.

Flynn bolsters his earning with a number of endorsement deals. Some of his partners include Sugar Percussion, Remo drumheads, Vater drumsticks, and Paiste cymbals. Matt Flynn's net worth has been estimated at \$4 million.