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MYAC Welcomes New Program Coordinator!



Kenni Ther has joined MYAC as our new Program Coordinator! Kenni is a recent graduate of Roosevelt University where he received his Master's in Performing Arts Administration and has a Bachelor's in Music Education from Lawrence University. He is a classical percussionist by trade - but has a passion for Brazilian Samba music and culture.

Kenni first learned of MYAC as a high school student in Lake Zurich as well as through classmates in undergrad. He was initially impressed by the large number of students that are a part of MYAC and their abilities. Hearing them play at Fun Fest and listening to past recordings has really given him a good idea of the high expectations MYAC has for its students and staff. Kenni is looking forward to working closely with conductors, coaches, and the students, helping provide the best experiences possible for everyone involved with MYAC. From his personal and professional experiences, Ther believes that preparation and communication is the way to make sure students and teachers are always set up for success!

Ther has over six years of experience as a band director, personnel manager, and arts administrator for public schools, community ensembles, and multiple non-profit music organizations that have prepared him for this role. He has always enjoyed figuring out large puzzles and knowing how multiple schedules work together, so he has no worries about keeping up with the fast-paced world of MYAC.

“One thing that I've learned since I started here,” says Ther, “is that it's an organization that has a long history of caring for its students. Lots of great guest musicians, amazing opportunities provided, and dedicated teachers.”