



## **Rachael Mulford**

**student tenure: February 2003 – May 2008**

Rachael had an outstanding experience as a high school percussionist, and that success has followed her into the college and professional music circles, as well. Equally adept on snare drum, mallet instruments, timpani, and drum set, she was one of the most well-rounded students to ever come through the percussion studio. Her accomplishments include:

- Band of America (BOA) National Honors Band Selection (2007, 2008)
- "Outstanding Jazz Player", Free State High School (2008)
- "Outstanding Jazz Rhythm Section Player", Winter Park, CO Music Festival (2008)
- KMEA District Band selection (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Lawrence Arts Center Honor Recital Selection / KANU Radio Broadcast (2008)
- Prepared/Performed Full Junior and Senior Recitals at Free State High School (2007, 2008)
- KSHSAA State First Division (I) ratings for percussion solo [multiple solo performances in each year] (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- KSHSAA State Regional First Division (I) ratings for percussion solo [multiple solo performances in each year] (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- Free State High School Marching Band (2006 – 2008) - Snare  
*Section Leader (2008)*
- Free State High School Symphonic Band (2006 - 2008)
- Kansas City Youth Wind Symphony (2007)
- John Phillip Sousa Honor Band (2003, 2004, 2005)

After graduating from Free State High School and leaving the percussion studio, Rachael attended The University of Kansas where she received her Bachelor of Music degree in 2012. While at KU she performed with The Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble II, and Jazz Combo II. Professionally, Rachael has traveled and performed throughout the United States with various alternative rock bands.

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*Rachael performing "VIII. March from Eight Pieces For Four Timpani" by Elliot Carter at KSHSAA State Music Festival, 2008.*