

# ZORO



## A VOICE FOR THE GENERATIONS

**He is the consummate definition of the rare man who marches to the beat of a different drum.**

Zoro has sat on the drummer's throne commanding some of the most famous stages in the world of rock music. From his position behind an elaborate set-up of signature skins, he's long been in the spotlight — stationed center stage behind some of the most celebrated artists in music history. Zoro has toured and recorded with Lenny Kravitz ("Let Love Rule," "Mama Said," and "Baptism" tours), Bobby Brown, ("My Prerogative," "Don't Be Cruel," and "King of Stage" tours) Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, The New Edition, Jody Watley, Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind & Fire, Vanessa Paradis, Sean Lennon, and Lisa Marie Presley — to drop only a few famous names.

Over more than two decades of creating music, Zoro has displayed talent and personal charisma too unique to remain in anyone's shadow. Emerging from his drum kit early in his career, "Z" has established his own unique celebrity and is an often awarded, world acclaimed musician. Throughout his career, he has consistently been voted "#1 R&B Drummer" in the world by premier music industry publications such as *Drum!*, *Modern Drummer*, and *Rhythm Magazine*.

Zoro has achieved more than walls lined with platinum albums for projects that have included his drum artistry. He's won the imagination and respect of a cross-generation of both music fans and fellow musicians. Z has found time in the midst of the ongoing demands of touring and recording not only to conduct a premier series of national and international drum clinics for major sponsors, but also to author a best-selling book and DVD package, *The Commandments of R&B Drumming*, which has been awarded industry accolades as the ultimate lesson from the master.

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Often called the “Minister of Groove,” Zoro has reached the pinnacle of world success yet remains humble and grateful. Breaking all the “rock star” rules and molds, he is fueled internally by a dynamic passion to use his platform of fame to inspire everyone within the sound of his voice. Z is hip and culturally relevant; his articulate, self-lived message of motivation, encouragement and dedication to excellence inspires young and old to reach for higher ground.



In a recent interview Zoro remarked, “If I have been able to fulfill my dreams, then it is surely possible for everyone else to do the same. It requires desire, determination, and discipline and an incredible amount of patience. So the real message that I want to send is one of hope and to play the part in reaching their full potential.”

Growing up fatherless as one of seven children in the tough environment of one of Los Angeles’ poorer districts, Z got a glimpse of life’s harsh underpinnings at an early age. Yet he was buoyed by a devoted mother who instilled in him the hunger and self confidence to pursue his dreams.

Success has offered him the opportunity to become a magnetic role model for young people; they are drawn to his hip style and contagious passion. Zoro is a kinetic bundle of human energy and enthusiasm. His desire to lift children from the ravages of poverty has led to Z’s global work as a spokesperson for Compassion International, promoting the sponsorship of some of the world’s neediest children.

Husband to lovely wife, Renee and father to son Jarod (7) and daughter Jordan (4), Z is real, relevant, and relatable and connects with all ages. His motivational speaking programs are like no other. Mixing stories from his own life’s challenges and triumphs, 25 years at the top in the highly competitive world of rock and roll with his infectious enthusiasm for people, Zoro captures his audiences from the downbeat and leaves them begging for an encore. His topics include overcoming obstacles, leadership, parenting, making positive choices, creating opportunity and putting dreams into action. Audiences leave Zoro presentations changed.

As a man who has navigated the landmine-filled world of rock ‘n roll music — Zoro’s personal life map and vision for setting and attaining personal goals has found him emerging in recent years as a “voice for the generations” and a sought after national speaker. Z has the heart of a teacher; he reaches out dramatically from the stage — grabbing the hearts of listeners with a message filled with warmth and humor.



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