

Short Biography

GLEN VELEZ

Four time Grammy Award winner, Glen Velez, is an internationally acclaimed soloist and seminal figure in the history of the frame drum. Over two decades ago he brought a new genre of drumming to the Western world by creating his own performance style inspired by years of frame drumming studies from various cultures. Even twentieth century composer, John Cage acknowledged Velez' mastery when he wrote a piece especially for him in 1989. After fifteen years performing and recording with the Steve Reich Ensemble and the Paul Winter Consort, Velez maintains an International touring schedule as a soloist and continues to collaborate with prominent artists in many styles. His original compositions and signature sound can be heard on numerous recordings, films, commercials and Modern Dance scores. Glen is an adjunct professor at Mannes College of Music and gives regular master classes at The Juilliard School in New York City, along with other prestigious universities and conservatories around the world. Glen's most recent 2009 recordings Glen Velez Solo and Breathing Rhythms Duo - Glen Velez and Lori Cotler " are available through www.glenvelez.com