



Crystal Percussion





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Teacher wins over students during school trip with impromptu performance: 'kids are gonna remember you'

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A middle school teacher from New Jersey has gone viral on TikTok after sharing a moment with a busker she had come across prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.

On Jan. 10, Crystal Vargas, a [teacher](#), percussionist and softball coach, [posted a clip](#) where she and her class ran into a busker at Quincy Market while on a school trip in Boston. In the short video, Vargas is seen enthusiastically [drumming](#) on a bucket alongside the busker as her students watch in awe.

At one point, Vargas tells the busker that she actually had a crush on him.



Percussionist Crystal Vargas is no stranger to the stage. Whether she's performing at a wedding, in the hottest clubs, or alongside world-renowned artists, Crystal's showmanship has made her one of the most sought after percussionists in the industry.

At four years old, she was captivated by her father's (bassist Glen Vargas) Salsa band and by age 5, suddenly had the rhythm down on congas. A year later, Crystal was a featured performer on Sabado Gigante and [El Show de Medio Dia](#). After high school, Crystal enrolled at Rutgers University on [softball scholarship](#), but managed to open musical doors during her senior year. A chance meeting with Robert Aaron (keyboardist) led to an impromptu performance with Grammy-Award winning artist, Wyclef Jean at a Rutgers concert! A mentorship was quickly born as Aaron chose Crystal to join his band backing artist, Kat Deluna.

Crystal has showcased her talents on the big stage, nationally-televised shows, and alongside some of the top DJs in nightlife. This recognition led to endorsement deals with Toca Percussion and Gibraltar Hardware. As an independent percussionist, Crystal has collaborated with some of the best entertainment companies in the country. While performing is her first passion, Crystal's versatility has led to the creation of the agency division of Crystal Percussion, LLC, which will provide opportunities for other artists and musicians to shine.



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The celebration, held at [Felina restaurant](#) in Ridgewood, was filmed for the upcoming season of [RHONJ](#), so network's COVID-19 precautions were in place.

[SCE Event Group](#) put the bash together, complete with decor from [Tremendous Florist Events](#), a candy truck, a three-tier cake by [Palermo Bakery](#), and entertainment from DJs [Jeff Scott Gould](#), [Michael McHugh](#), [Jason Jani](#), and percussionist [Crystal Vargas](#).

In a video shared in Melissa's post, [Antonia](#) walked into her party as she was followed by a masked cameraman. Another clip showed Melissa and [Joe](#) dancing alongside fellow [RHONJ](#) star [Teresa Giudice](#) and her boyfriend [Ruelas](#).

"Anything for my baby girl," Joe wrote on his Instagram. "Happy Sweet 16 @antoniagorgaa."

Also at the event, [Real Housewives of New York City](#) star [Dorinda Meade](#) was seen in a video from the party.

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Jessica G.

Married on 11/13/2020

★★★★★ 5.0

Unbelievable Percussionist

So many amazing things to say about Crystal. I first saw Crystal at my friends wedding and at the end of the night I approached her for her info, she was that good. The energy she brought and additional flare to the dance floor was just what I wanted for my guests. The first time I reached out she was booked but due to the pandemic a few months leading up to my day, I reached out again and she was free. I WAS THRILLED

Any bride looking for something extra to make their guest enjoy themselves and something people won't forget, reach out to Crystal.



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Jeannette

Married on 09/13/2019

★★★★★ 5.0

The Percussionist you never knew you needed at your next event!

I don't even know where to start when it comes to Crystal, she is that awesome. She is a high energy, amazing spirit who is always upbeat and gives off great positive vibes. She is such a down to earth and genuine person that my wife and I felt like we had known her for years, way before our big day. Throughout the whole process leading up to our wedding, the day of, and beyond, she was always willing to answer any questions without hesitation. She is as real as it gets and it is truly refreshing the level of honesty, integrity and straight forwardness you get from her in a competitive environment such as the wedding industry.... [Read more](#)



David T.

Married on 12/15/2018

★★★★★ 5.0

Would hire Crystal 1000000x over. Wow!!!!

Crystal brought such a positive vibe and spirit to our wedding, allowed me to highlight my own love for drums, and played beautifully throughout the night! Crystal is so very tasteful in how she complements the music & contributes to the overall party! A true professional entertainer & great addition to any wedding!!!!



Kayla P.

Married on 07/01/2021

★★★★★ 5.0

Talented, Amazing, High Energy, PHENOMENAL!!!

If you want your wedding to be a 5 star experience then it starts with hiring Crystal! The dance floor at my wedding was never empty and I truly believe the energy and talent coming from Crystal made that happen. She had everyone going with the beat of her drums. My family and friends are still raving on how talented she is! I would recommend her to everyone!! It was truly a magical day!! We even had to change dates because of the pandemic and Crystal was so understanding and flexible. That's the kind of person you want to have on your side!



Kristina V.

Married on 12/03/2021

★★★★★ 5.0

She made the wedding epic

Crystal was AMAZING and absolutely stole the show in the best way. She kept everyone on the dance floor and was so great with the crowd. Our groomsmen even decided to lift her and her entire drum set off the ground and she continued playing. We are SO happy she was part of our wedding day, I would choose her again 1 million times. Don't even second think! She is phenomenally talented, energetic, and so sweet!



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