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Wilco drummer returns to toast UK percussion

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Glenn Kotche hardly thinks of himself as a star guest as he joins in a 20th anniversary celebration of the University of Kentucky's percussion program.

Fans, especially local ones, may view him otherwise. Currently one of the most active artists in a vibrant Chicago music scene, Kotche also happens to be the drummer for Wilco. Initially a pioneering alt-country ensemble, the band continued to refine and redefine its distinctive pop sound on 2002's *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* album and last year's *A Ghost Is Born*. The latter earned Kotche and his Wilco mates a Grammy.

But Kotche, who played with the UK Percussion Ensemble before earning a degree in music performance in 1994, simply wants to be one of the many alumni players returning to Lexington this weekend to pay tribute to the music program, the ensemble and especially the director, UK music professor James Campbell, that provided the tools for a fruitful career.

"The whole percussion program at UK started with Jim," Kotche said earlier this week from his home in Chicago. "I think he's trying to shift the focus away from himself at this event. But I think for a lot of us alums, this is a chance to give Jim a big thank-you for all he's done for us."

Campbell said, "I'm just looking for recognition for the guys who have worked hard here and gone on to be successful in music. The school has attracted some really, really talented students. Since this was the 20th year of the percussion program, this seemed to be the right time to celebrate that."

Kotche said his years at UK provided exactly what any accomplished university program should: preparation for the outside world.

"I took all of that stuff -- the mallet percussion, the orchestral techniques in some of the world music aspects I studied -- and incorporated it into my drum set playing," he said.

On Sunday, Kotche will debut a new composition, *Clapping Music Variations*, when he performs with Campbell, the UK Percussion Ensemble and nearly 30 alumni players. Several of the percussion program graduates returning for the performance are teaching at universities.

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"It's a small fraternity we're in as far as what we do for a living," Campbell said. "So to be face to face with colleagues and classmates like this is going to be a lot of fun."

alumni help out in Grammy-winner Kotche's new piece

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