Johnny Richeson has been playing drums professionally since the age of 14. As a working drummer in Nashville, Philadelphia, and beyond, he is known for bringing a high level of preparation, musicality, and versatility to every musical situation.

Johnny was self-taught from ages 12-18. He has since studied with several world-class teachers and players, including: Derrek Phillips (Hank Williams, Jr., Robben Ford, Charlie Hunter, Gloria Gaynor, Brett Eldridge), Jordan Perlson (Jeff Coffin, Blue Man Group, Becca Stevens), Matt White (Rihanna, Bob Mintzer, Jeff Coffin), Jesse Willis (Coastal Carolina University), and Lalo Davila (Middle Tennesee State University).

After college he moved to Nashville, TN, where he enjoyed a successful freelance career performing with artists such as: Zach Top, Jason Scheff (Chicago), The Dryes (The Voice Season 22), and more. He has shared the stage with the likes of Miranda Lambert, Hardy, Jo Dee Messina, Victor Wooten, Bob Reynolds (John Mayer, Snarky Puppy), Jeff Coffin (Dave Matthews Band, Bela Fleck & the Flecktones), and others.

Sharing his passion for music through education is another important component to Johnny's career. He is currently a professor at Rider University, where he created a travel course which brings students to Nashville to immerse them in the scene by having their song recorded by GRAMMY-winning musicians and meeting with professionals from all areas of the music industry. He also directs the Pop, Rock, and Hip-Hop Ensemble & teaches private lessons. From 2016-2018, he served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Middle Tennessee State University, where he taught the Band of Blue drumline, salsa band, percussion ensemble, and percussion lessons.

In June 2018, Johnny traveled to Colombia, South America to play and teach at jazz camps around the country for the Colombo Americano organization. He offers clinics, group lessons, and individual lessons on a range of topics, including: drum set, Brazilian percussion, Afro-Cuban percussion, classical percussion, music theory, music technology, gig prep, audition prep, career development, and more.

Johnny holds a B.A. in Music Performance from Coastal Carolina University and a M.M. in Jazz Studies from Middle Tennessee State University. He currently lives near Philadelphia, PA, where he enjoys a career as a freelance musician. He is a Drum Set Artist for Innovative Percussion.