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**Ed Soph** receives the Yamaha Educational Lifetime Achievement Award from John Wittmann, Director of Artist Relations.

For years, Yamaha has recognized a number of its artists for their commitments to education and the growth of young musicians. The **Educational Lifetime Achievement Award** was established in 2009 and is given to percussion and drumset artists that have are highly influential on education. The 2011 recipients are James Petercsak, Ed Soph, and Jim Sewrey.

**Ed Soph** has been a Yamaha Performing Artist since 1986. His career spans 40 years as a performer, recording artist, author, and educator. He is currently professor of Jazz Studies in the renowned College of Music at the University of North Texas. He has been associated with the big bands of Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Bill Watrous, and Clark Terry. He has traveled the world, presenting clinics and master classes in Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and throughout Europe, as well as innumerable appearances domestically. Ed counts some of the world's best drummers as former students, including Yamaha Performing Artists Keith Carlock, Ari Hoenig, and Dave Weckl.