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Brendan Buckley with Tegan and Sara

Brendan Buckley is well known as Colombian superstar Shakira's regular drummer. But the New Jersey native's résumé is deep, wide, and multinational. Skim his workload over the past few years and you'll notice performances with pop singer Miley Cyrus, alt-roots vet Shelby Lynne, and indie chanteuse Minnie Driver, as well as live dates with Chinese singer Jason Zhang, Chilean rocker Beto Cuevas, Singaporean multi-talent JJ Lin, and Brazilian legend Roberto Carlos. Right now Buckley is out with the Canadian pop duo Tegan and Sara, a gig that makes lots of sense for someone with his varied skills and modern disposition. "It was important for me to be able to offer them a variety of approaches for each of their songs," Buckley tells *MD*. "The fully sampled electronic version. The acoustic drum version. A broken-down, unplugged version. They wanted to experiment a lot during rehearsals.

And they wanted to get away from their previous arrangements from prior tours. Therefore, qualities like flexibility, patience, and sensitivity were all equally important as playing to a click."

For a musician who's unbound by style and location, scheduling can be among the most demanding and frustrating aspects of the business. For his part, Buckley relies on more than his own organization skills to avoid conflicts. "Although I keep a very detailed and organized iCalendar," the drummer says, "everything always seems to shift around, shorten, double, or get postponed or canceled. And when jobs overlap, it's important for you to handle it professionally. Fortunately, I have some fantastic drummer friends that can fill in and slay the gig on a moment's notice. A network of talented peers is priceless."

Adam Budofsky

For more with Brendan Buckley, go to modernndrummer.com.

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