



Patrick King is currently Principal Timpanist with Welsh National Opera and is based in Cardiff. He has held this position for eight years, working under many great conductors including Sir Charles Mackerras, Andrew Litton and current music director Lothar Koenigs.

Patrick studied at the Royal College of Music and on graduating received the Directors Prize for musical contribution. While at the RCM he was Principal Timpanist with the European Union Youth Orchestra, and then went on to a freelance career which involved playing with every major orchestra in the UK including the LSO, BBC Symphony Orchestra, LPO, RPO, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra and The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Patrick was percussion finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2001, and winner of the LSO St Lukes Academy, which led to freelance work with the LSO.

As an educator Patrick is extremely passionate about outreach work. He has led workshops for Welsh National Opera, Philharmonia Orchestra, RWCMD, and his own company Children's Musical Adventures. Patrick has given many masterclasses including Purcell School, Birmingham Conservatoire. And has tutored on National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and National Youth Orchestra of Wales Wind Orchestra.