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An Homage To Neil And Mike

This is Marlton, New Jersey drummer Matt Flache's second appearance in *Kit Of The Month*. Matt's "Decade" kit was presented in the September 2003 issue. His newest creation features a 2006 Pearl EXR kit in Gunmetal Sparkle finish, complemented by visually striking Zildjian Titanium cymbals. The design is based on setup influences from Neil Peart and Mike Portnoy.

"I chose to eliminate a tom from my main kick drum," says Matt, "in order to make room for the ride cymbal. Easy access to the ride has broadened my groove development. This idea came from Neil's setup. The Pearl Quarter Toms and custom rack-style mounting were taken from Mike Portnoy, as was the three-hi-hat arrangement. I have a traditional foot-controlled hi-hat on my left, as well as two stationary hats directly above the ride cymbal. One X-hat is set tight, and the other is set extremely loose, allowing me to achieve two common hi-hat sounds while using both kick drums."

The complete setup consists of fourteen Pearl drums, including a 14" Sensitone snare, a 14" EXR snare, four high-pitched Quarter Toms, and a 13" timbale. There are fifteen Zildjian ZXT Titanium series cymbals, as well as Rhythm Tech aluminum chimes and tambourines (to maintain the silver theme). Pearl blocks and cowbells round out the percussion arsenal.



PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

1. Photos must be high-quality and in color. High-resolution (300 dpi) digital photos are preferred; color prints will be considered; Polaroids not accepted.
 2. You may send more than one view of the kit.
 3. Only show drums, no people.
 4. Shoot drums against a neutral background. Avoid "busy" backgrounds.
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