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Rob Graham is harboring a hip piece of Canadian rock and roll history in his basement.

Last year, the Nipissing University professor and part time musician was scouting drum equipment online when he came across a set for sale by Johnny Fay, drummer of the Tragically Hip.

After a quick call to Ayotte Drums with the serial number, he confirmed that it was indeed custom made for Fay and that new, the kit was worth more than \$15,000.

Graham decided to make the trip to Toronto to buy the set from Just Drums, who were selling them on consignment for the musician.

It was there he learned that the drums were played by Fay on the Hip's 2006 album, World Container, the album's world tour and their live DVD, That Night in Toronto in 2005.

"I thought that it was cool that I could have a professional sounding kit and to actually have that history behind it, and that it was actually played on stage by the Tragically Hip," Graham said.

Graham hopes to meet Fay next weekend, when the Tragically Hip headline North Rocks the Bay.

Graham is going to the show with hopes of snagging a couple minutes with the legendary drummer or at least a photo that he can put up in his office.

"I don't think he's aware that the drum kit has a home in North Bay," Graham said.

Most of the time Graham keeps the drums in his basement but occasionally brings them out to play with his classic rock band Midlife Crisis.

"We are kind of hoping the hip mystique will rub off on us," Graham said. "Every time we play a Hip tune I look up and think, 'OK Johnny, make it sound like you.'"

Before he joined the band, Graham wasn't a big Tragically Hip fan, or music fan at all. He concentrated on sports for many years, and only picked up the drums because he was asked to help instruct music as an elementary school teacher.

Graham briefly considered selling the drums a few months ago, but was persuaded otherwise by his wife, who grew up in a musical family.

"When I take it out and I play it and I hit it, I think, yeah, this is one I'll will to my daughters," he said. "There's too much history around the kit."

Graham enjoys telling his students about the set and its history as well as friends and family.

"Its more than just a drum set as far as I'm concerned," he said. "For me, its a piece of Canadian rock history."

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