

Eugene "Gene" Victor Hoglan II (born August 31, 1967 in Dallas, Texas) is an American drummer. He is acclaimed for his creativity in drum arrangements, including usage of odd devices for percussion effects and his trademark lengthy double-kick drum rhythms (using what he calls "kick triplets"). His highly technical playing is extremely accurate at very high and challenging tempos, earning him the nicknames "The Atomic Clock" and "Human Drum Machine". He is best known for his works with the bands Devin Townsend, Dark Angel, Death, Dethklok, Strapping Young Lad, Pitch Black Forecast, Testament Fear Factory and has recently released the highly successful "Gene Hoglan-The Atomic Clock" DVD

Hoglan got his first drum kit when he was 13 and is completely self-taught. He started jamming along to his Kiss and Rush records. In 1984, Hoglan began his music career as a roadie (lights engineer) for the thrash metal band Slayer, where he also played the drums during concert soundchecks. He was also part of the band War God with Michelle Meldrum. At the end of the same year he was asked to join the thrash metal band Dark Angel as the drummer. He penned most of the lyrics for Dark Angel's next three albums. He achieved greater fame during the mid-1990s playing with Death, at the same time that bandleader Chuck Schuldiner was taking that group into a more progressive style. Subsequently, he recorded one album with the thrash metal band Testament, and made the acquaintance of Canadian multi-instrumentalist Devin Townsend, forging a lasting friendship. He has since recorded several albums with Townsend, both as part of the speed/industrial/death metal band Strapping Young Lad and under Devin Townsend's name.

Hoglan was also part of death metal band Tenet, a side project of Strapping Young Lad guitarist Jed Simon, from 2003 to 2007. Hoglan left the band on amiable terms in January, 2007. He was replaced by Adrian Erlandsson only to return to the group in June of the same year. Hoglan recorded his drum parts for the entirety of the following album in a mere two days.

In 2004, for the Vancouver, British Columbia show of progressive metal band Opeth's Lamentations tour, Hoglan stood in for Martin Lopez, who was said to be having panic attacks. Opeth's drum tech had filled in for the two previous dates on the tour and Lopez rejoined the band for the Seattle, Washington show.

In 2005, Hoglan stood in once again for Lopez for the majority of the Sounds of the Underground tour when Lopez began having more panic attacks. Hoglan played double duty by playing a set with Strapping Young Lad then later that night performing with Opeth. It was later announced Lopez had a rare blood disorder and was seeking treatment. Hoglan also appears in Opeth's music video "The Grand Conjunction" as they filmed it on the tour while in Los Angeles, California.

Other bands have also recruited Hoglan as a session drummer. He has recorded albums with the Norwegian black metal band Old Man's Child and the Danish death metal band Daemon. Additionally he has done production and engineering work for other albums and demos. He was also asked to do drums for death metallers Nile on their album In Their Darkened Shrines, but he turned this down, citing Tony Laureano for a better choice. He was then asked again to drum with them, but (along with Derek Roddy) recommended Greek drummer George Kollias to drum with them, citing that Nile was "not of his musical tastes". Since then, Hoglan and Kollias have been close friends, and both are well respected drummers within the extreme metal community. Hoglan also was recruited by the Vancouver Groove Metal band, The Almighty Punchdrunk, and appeared as a band member for their only album to date, Music For Them Asses, which was released in 2001.

Hoglan is working with Dethklok, the band from the animated TV show Metalocalypse. The show was co-created by stand-up comedian/actor/musician Brendon Small, who also composes or performs all of the music. Hoglan features in Dethklok's debut album, The Dethalbum which was released on September 25, 2007. He toured during the summer of 2008 with the live band as the drummer. He later performed on Dethalbum II, the sequel album released on September 29, 2009, and has toured with Brendon Small performing as Dethklok.

Hoglan filled in as the drummer for Unearth when their then drummer, Mike Justian, quit on tour. He has also joined the metal band Pitch Black Forecast, with former Mushroomhead singer Jason Popson, as the band's permanent drummer. Even more recently, Hoglan was announced as the drummer for the reunited Bay Area Thrash metal band Forbidden's reunion tour, replacing original Forbidden drummer Paul Bostaph.

Hoglan played drums for Zimmers Hole's third studio album When You Were Shouting at the Devil...We Were in League With Satan in 2008.

Gene joined Fear Factory in 2010, and played on their release Mechanize. As of June 2011, he was back in Testament and has recorded their new album The Dark Roots of Earth out in July 2012. Along with the new Testament album Gene has once again joined forces with Dethklok creator Brendon Small for his new project Galaktikon also out in 2012 and a new Dethklok album is also in the works. In early 2012 Hoglan pulled double duty with Testament and Anthrax during the second half of their U.S. Tour filling in for Anthrax drummer Charlie Benante. A few months later Hoglan would join Anthrax again for a pair of shows in Mexico followed by the announcement of the Death To All Tour 2012. The tour includes members of various "Death" line ups as well as special guests from the metal world.