

Quick Reference Guide To Percussion Instruments And How To Play Them

Percussion instruments are a diverse group of instruments that are played by striking, shaking, or rubbing. They are used in a wide variety of musical genres, from classical to rock to jazz. This guide will provide you with a brief overview of some of the most common percussion instruments and how to play them.



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Drums

Drums are one of the most popular types of percussion instruments. They come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and can be made from a variety of materials. Drums are typically played with sticks, but can also be played with brushes or mallets. The most common types of drums include:

- **Bass drum:** The bass drum is the largest drum in the drum set. It is typically played with a foot pedal, and produces a low, booming sound.
- **Snare drum:** The snare drum is a medium-sized drum that is typically played with sticks. It has a snare, which is a set of wires that vibrate against the drumhead when it is struck, producing a sharp, cracking sound.
- **Tom-toms:** Tom-toms are a set of small to medium-sized drums that are typically played with sticks. They produce a variety of sounds, depending on their size and tuning.
- **Cymbals:** Cymbals are round, metal discs that are typically played by striking them with sticks or mallets. They produce a bright, shimmering sound.

Shakers

Shakers are a type of percussion instrument that is played by shaking them. They come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and can be made from a variety of materials. Shakers are typically used to create a rhythmic accompaniment to other instruments.

Maracas

Maracas are a type of percussion instrument that is played by shaking them. They are typically made from a gourd or other hollow object, and filled with beans or seeds. Maracas are typically used to create a rhythmic accompaniment to other instruments.

Tambourines

Tambourines are a type of percussion instrument that is played by shaking them or striking them with a hand. They are typically made from a wooden frame with a skin stretched over it, and have jingles attached to the frame. Tambourines are typically used to create a rhythmic accompaniment to other instruments.

Congas

Congas are a type of percussion instrument that is played by striking them with hands or sticks. They are typically made from a wooden barrel with a skin stretched over the top and bottom. Congas are typically used to create a rhythmic accompaniment to other instruments.

Bongos

Bongos are a type of percussion instrument that is played by striking them with hands or sticks. They are typically made from two small, wooden drums that are connected by a piece of wood. Bongos are typically used to create a rhythmic accompaniment to other instruments.

Playing Percussion Instruments

Playing percussion instruments is a great way to learn about rhythm and develop your musical skills. Here are a few tips for getting started:

- **Start with a simple rhythm.** Once you have mastered a simple rhythm, you can gradually add more complex rhythms.
- **Use different parts of your hands or sticks to create different sounds.** For example, you can use the tips of your fingers to create a light, tapping sound, or the palms of your hands to create a louder, booming sound.

- **Experiment with different materials.** Different materials will produce different sounds. For example, a wooden stick will produce a different sound than a metal stick.
- **Have fun!** Playing percussion instruments should be enjoyable. Don't be afraid to experiment and find your own unique sound.

Percussion instruments are a great way to add rhythm and excitement to your music. With a little practice, you can learn to play a variety of percussion instruments and create your own unique sound.



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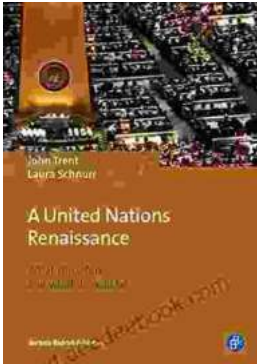
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