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Jez's Percussion & Mallet List

Here's a list of suggestions to start off a percussion career. I have all of these and more!

Snare Drum/ Drum Kit

We all have our favourites, but a good quality 5B should suit most people

I play Vater Studio Fusion 2



Tuned Mallets

Anything from Chalklin, MalletTech, Mike Balter, Musser, ProMark, Vater, Vic Firth, should be fine. A pair of tuned mallets would cost from £25 upwards.

JAM percussion is a Liverpool based outlet that has loads of percussion gear. <http://www.jampercussion.com>

Glockenspiel

I still play my first pair of Chalklin glock/ xylo mallets. I also still play with a pair of Percussion Plus stick that were given to me!



Xylophone

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Marimba

I play Vic Firth Robert Van Sice. I have a set of four M14 and a set of four M13.



Vibes

I play Mike Balter mediums (blue) with rattan handles.



Timpani

Dave Morbey (<http://www.timpanisticks.com/>) are expensive! I play three sets of Dave Morbey, 410, 420 and 440KK.



Brushes

I play Vic Firth. You can get pairs with wire or plastic ends. I'd go with metal wire. Brushes come as retractable or fixed, if you go fixed, you have to be careful of the wires getting bent!



Extras

A good quality triangle and tambourine (like Grover or Black Swamp) is a good addition.



A small 'egg' shaker is really great and good value at under £2.



Practice Pad

I love the Benny Greb 'Masterpad', there's a small (6") and a large (12") version. The pad has loads of bounce and the build quality is great.



And Finally

After you have all of that, you'll probably need a large stick bag! Protection Racket do a small and large size. I have a small one for kit work, but I made my own orchestral stick bag, which I carry (along with a few other bits) in a leather trumpet gig bag!



Extra's to buff your growing collection of percussion items might include: Clave, Guiro and Cow Bell.