Percussion Reference Guide

This guide is designed to help you find information about, and music for percussion instruments. Use this as a starting point or browsing tool. As always, consult library catalogs for complete holdings information, and when uncertain, ask for help! Related reference guides include Performing Arts Careers and Piano.

Call Numbers for Shelf Browsing

Below are general call number ranges. More about call numbers @ http://goo.gl/2R556.

- M146 solo drum [kettledrum (timpani), side drum etc.]
- M147 solo bells, glockenspiel, etc.
- M175 solo other [xylophone, marimba, vibraphone, etc.]
- M284-285 one percussion instrument with piano
- M298 duets which may include one or more percussion instruments
- M1038 concertos with orchestra
- M1039 concertos with orchestra (arranged)
- M1138 concertos with string orchestra
- ML1030 books about percussion
- MT655-662 studies and methods
- MT655.4 orchestral excerpts (percussion, general)
- MT660.4 orchestral excerpts (timpani)

Subject Headings for Searching Library Catalogs

To find material on a specific topic, type in one of these subject headings to get a list of relevant titles. Access KentLINK subject heading search @ http://kentlink.kent.edu/search/d.

- Marimba music*
- Concertos (Marimba)*
- Marimba music -- (Marimbas (2))*
- Marimba with [band, orchestra, etc.] music*
- Sonatas (Marimba)*
- Percussion ensembles

- Percussion instruments
- Percussion instruments -- Instruction and study
- Percussion instruments -- Methods
- Percussion instruments -- Orchestral excerpts
- Percussion instruments -- Studies and exercises
- Percussion music
- Concertos (Percussion)
- Sonatas (Percussion)
- Timpani music
- Timpani -- Orchestral excerpts*
- Timpani -- Methods*

*“Marimba” and “Timpani” are examples. “Snare drum,” “Xylophone,” etc. may also be used.

Electronic Research Databases

Use this link for the following online music databases: http://goo.gl/LZQgD

- Find Articles - JSTOR, Music Index Online, and RILM Abstracts of Music Literature
- Encyclopedias & Dictionaries - Oxford Music Online (New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians)
- Online Listening - Classical Music Library, Contemporary World Music, Naxos Music Library, Smithsonian Global Sound

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**Selected Print Titles** (listed alphabetically)

- **Bibliography, History, Pedagogy, and Philosophy in Music and Percussion**
  ML1030.L37 1999
  Essays concerning contemporary percussion music, as well as history, analysis, education, pedagogy and performance.

- **Contemporary Percussion**
  ML1030.B75 1991
  Discusses instrument characteristics and shows by explanation and musical examples how composers are using them.

- **Drums through the Ages**
  ML1035.W4
  Chronologically organized, this book utilizes a historical sense to analyze a wide array of percussion instruments.

- **Early Percussion Instruments from the Middle Ages to the Baroque**
  ML1030.B58
  Historical look at the earliest percussion instruments with detailed sections on percussion history and techniques.

- **Encyclopedia of Percussion**
  Ref. ML102.P4 E5 1995
  Guide to percussion includes an alphabetical listing of instruments and percussion terms, illustrations of key instruments, scholarly articles, appendices of terms and symbols and a bibliography.

- **Ensemble Music for Wind and Percussion Instruments**
  Ref. ML128.W5 H4
  Catalog of works for wind and percussion ensembles, with a grading system for the difficulty of the pieces.

- **Music Educators’ Guide to Percussion**
  MT655.P28x (book + 9 parts)
  Provides answers to many common, everyday questions about percussion instruments.

- **New Grove Dictionary of Music & Musicians**
  ML100 .N48 2001 (Ref. & Circulating)
  Articles on percussion instruments, as well as composers, forms, genres & time periods.

- **Percussion Instruments and their History**
  ML1030.B6 1992
  Historical look at the use of percussion instruments and their purpose and mode of employment in the orchestra.

- **Percussionists: A Biographical Dictionary**
  Ref. ML399.B38 2000
  Includes 500+ musicians, summarizing their lives and also providing scholarly articles, discographies, and videographies.

- **World of Percussion**
  ML1030.R52
  Catalog of 500+ percussion instruments with illustrations and brief descriptions of the instruments’ effects.

**Note:** Reference titles (“Ref.”) are non-circulating and are located in the Performing Arts Library Reading Room.

**Orchestral Excerpt Scores**

- 20th Century Orchestra Studies for Percussion
  MT655.4.A24

- 20th Century Orchestra Studies for Timpani
  MT660.4.A243 T9

**Journals** (listed alphabetically)

- **International Musician**
- **Percussive Notes**
- **Percussionist**
- **Percussion News (Percussive Arts Society)**
- **Woodwind/Brass & Percussion**

**KentLINK Musical Instrumentation Search**

Access this resource @ [http://goo.gl/PsG6e](http://goo.gl/PsG6e).

Find printed music for specific instrument combinations (i.e.marimba & xylophone; snare drum & timpani). The KentLINK Musical Instrumentation Search Reference Guide provides an overview of basic tips and search strategies.

**Internet Resources** (All links below are live @ [http://goo.gl/gAoU8](http://goo.gl/gAoU8))