

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

BEGINNER:

Snare Drum Sticks - Vic Firth SD1 Generals or Comparable
Rental Snare Drum Kit with Stand and Pad
Rental Bell Kit
Inexpensive Metronome

INTERMEDIATE (Middle School or High School):

Snare Drum Sticks - Vic Firth SD1 Generals or Comparable
Snare Drum with Stand (owned) - Cast Aluminum Pearl Philharmonic (5" x 14") is my choice, but a less expensive drum is fine.
General Keyboard Mallets - Mike Balter #22R
Rental Xylophone or Bells
Timpani Mallets - Vic Firth T1 Generals or T3 Staccatos
Inexpensive Metronome
Chromatic Tuner - Korg CA-30 (for timpani tuning practice)
*Drum Set - Pearl Export EX

*not a requirement - a suggestion if you are in the market

ADVANCED (High School or College):

Snare Drum Sticks - Cooperman: Nick Petrella Model
OR W.H.Reamer : Alan Abel Model
Drum Set Sticks - Vic Firth Dave Weckl Model
Glock Mallets - Musser M215
Vibe Mallets - Mike Balter #22R (Set of 4)
Xylo Mallets - Malletech Bob Becker Model ("Blues")
Marimba Mallets - Vic Firth Robert Van Sice Model M114 (set of 4)
Timpani Mallets - Vic Firth T1, T2, T3, T4 (economical)
OR Cloyd Duff #1, #2, #4, #6 (expensive)
Concert Snare Drum - Pearl 5" x 14" Cast Aluminum Philharmonic
Metronome - Boss Dr. Beat (DB90)
Chromatic Tuner - KORG CA-30
*Xylophone - Adams 3.5 Octave Soloist (synthetic or rosewood)
*Glock - Fall Creek K100
*Marimba - Adams 4.3 Octave Soloist (synthetic or rosewood)
OR Marimba One 4.3 Octave Rosewood
*Vibraphone - Adams 3.0 Octave OR Musser Pro Vibe (M55)
*Timpani - Adams Universal or Professional Model (23", 26", 29", 32")
*Drum Set - Pearl or DW

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CONSERVATORY / PROFESSIONAL:

Serious Percussion Majors in College and Professionals should learn enough about sticks, mallets, and instruments to make their own decisions regarding purchases. There are countless quality instruments out there, but here are some of my favorites in a few categories:

Snare Drum Sticks - Cooperman and W.H. Reamer
Drum Set Sticks - Vic Firth Dave Weckl Model
Orchestral Keyboard Mallets - Tom Freer, Malletech, Encore, Innovative Percussion, Mike Balter, Musser
Timpani Mallets - Cloyd Duff, Tom Freer, Phil Ork, Black Swamp, Vic Firth, California Percussion (Dave Herbert)
Snare Drums - Robinson Percussion, Pearl Philharmonic, Clevelander
Xylophones - Leedy, Deagan, Adams
Glocks - Leedy, Deagan, Fall Creek, Malletech, Musser
Marimbas - Adams, Marimba One
Vibraphones - Adams, Musser
Timpani - Adams
Bass Drums - Pearl Philharmonic, W.H. Reamer
Cymbals - Sabian, Zildjian
Drum Sets - Pearl, DW