

Gong / Tam Tam

VIDEO 1: Instrument Characteristics, Setup and Maintenance

1. Technically, what is the difference between a gong and a tam tam?
2. When selecting a tam tam, what should you look for?
3. Describe the type of stand and mounting cable that you should use for a tam tam.
4. Describe the best general position for the instrument and performer.

VIDEO 2: Mallet Selection

1. Which are appropriate mallet choices for the tam tam? What should be avoided?

VIDEO 3: General Playing Techniques

1. Describe the appropriate beating area on the tam tam
2. What should you do immediately before striking a note on the tam tam?
3. Describe the proper way to roll on the tam tam.
4. Why should you practice playing the tam tam when it's so easy to play?

VIDEO 4: Special Effects

1. Describe a few of the various types of effects that can be created on the tam tam.