



# Music Learning

## Recommended Age: 3-8

A wide variety of musical instruments for preschool and early elementary school students awaits you, including a set of fair trade authentic musical instruments from around the world. Use this kit for classes or groups of young children, or just playing at home!





# Contents List

- **Book: Welcome to the Symphony by Carolyn Sloan**
- **Book: Drum Dream Girl by Margarita Engle**
- **Book: 8 Note Bell Songs by Bob Bergin**
- **Book: More 8 Note Bell Songs by Bob Bergin**
- **True Tone Handbells in Box**
  - 8 Bells
- **Jamtown 'Round The World**
  - Bottle Cap Shaker
  - Caxixi Shaker
  - Fire-Burned Gourd Drum
  - Gourd Shaker
  - Paddle Drum
  - Egg Shaker
  - Bamboo Scraper
  - 2 Wood Claves
  - Frog Rasp
- **Musical Triangle**
  - 1 Triangle
  - 1 Metal Beater
- **Learn-to-Play Xylophone Kit**
  - Xylophone
  - 2 Wooden Mallets
  - 5 Song Sheets



# Getting Started Guide

This kit comes with many different musical instruments great for introducing children to music and teaching them how to read notes on a page.

## Preschool Children

Our xylophone comes with everything you need to begin exposing your preschool-age to music, even if you don't read music yourself! Here are some activities you can try:

- Talk about opposites: play the lowest note and the highest note, play loud and soft, fast and slow
- Clap a rhythm, and have the child copy it on the xylophone
- Now make a rhythm more complex by patting your lap for low notes, clapping for middle notes, and snapping your fingers for high notes! Invite the child to make up their own song this way and try to "translate" it into melody with the xylophone, then switch roles and have the child be the xylophone player translating your rhythms into a melody.
- Explore intervals: Play C and D together and explain that this is a 2nd interval. C and E together is a 3rd interval. Continue on up the scale to an eighth (C and C), also called an octave.
- Try one of the songs included in the double-sided cards in the xylophone's drawer. Play it for the child and then invite them to try to play it. The music is color-coded with the letters shown inside the notes, to make reading music easy while still exposing kids to concepts about where the notes belong on the staff.



Our Jamtown Round the World Instruments Pack has a wide variety of percussion instruments kids can play to explore:

- How different materials make different sounds
- How various instruments are played: some are shaken, some are struck, some are rubbed or scraped
- Where the instruments are from and what that culture is like, using the information booklet included in the pack

### **Elementary School Children**

The True Tone Handbells are great for kids 5-8 years old who are learning to read music, and lots of fun with groups! They come with one small book of songs to play, and we have included two additional books, so you will have over 50 songs to play together.

You can use the triangle bell for more explorations of rhythm, or in combination with the xylophone or true tone handbells. Can the kids figure out what pitch the bell is playing? Try to match it with a pitch on another instrument, such as a piano. It's actually a pitch between two notes—it would be written with a flat or sharp. See if you can figure out which one!

You can also use our Jamtown Round the World Pack with older kids for some higher-level explorations and discussions about sound and culture. The pack includes a lot of information about where each instrument is from, how it was made, and how to play it. Could you make instruments like these out of materials you find at home? Try it!



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## Additional Information

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