

Equipment List – George Mason University Percussion

Having one comprehensive equipment list is difficult because every teacher will want slightly different things. So – here is the best I can do, given the diversity of our faculty.

Snare drum sticks

Freer Percussion

<http://www.freerpercussion.com/snare-drum-sticks/>

Reemer Percussion Prof. Kilkenny prefers the Abel concert snare drum sticks in hickory.

<http://www.drummersservice.com/store/snare-drumsticks/abel-concert.html>

Keyboard mallets

This is really difficult to select in advance – at the minimum you should have 2-3 pairs of general use mallets for xylophone and glock

1. Becker blues (Malletech)
2. Freer K6 and K7
3. Any brand of brass bell mallets (Malletech, Freer etc...)

Marimba Mallets

Most folks use either the Van Sice Vic Firth mallets or the Zeltsman Encore mallets. 2 sets of 4 general purpose (Van Sice 113 and 112, for example) will be enough to get you started

Timpani Mallets

Again – each faculty member will prefer different things – please speak to your individual private teacher for specific mallet options.

In general, most folks in the studio use:

Freer, Duff, Clevelander, Tim Genis VF model (if you are just starting on timpani, these mallets will work just fine), Luft mallets are coming more and more into use as well.

Method books

You will build your library over the time you are at Mason. Below are some good places to start.

Snare Drum:

1. Stick Control
2. Developing Dexterity
3. Wrist Twisters
4. 14 Modern Contest Solos (Pratt)
5. Modern School for Snare drum (Goldenberg)
6. Syncopation
7. *Beyond this individual studio teachers will recommend books based on your ability and what you are working on. Books like Lepak, Podemski, Aleo, Delecluse, Peters etc.. all will be good books that may be used at some point or another*

Keyboard

1. Green 50 exercises for xylophone
2. Method of movement for marimba (Stevens)
3. Bona Rhythmic Articulation
4. Bach sonatas and Partitas for solo violin
5. *Again – individual teachers will make recommendations on solo literature and method books based on your ability and area of study*

Timpani

1. Goodman Modern Method
2. Lepak timpani method
3. *Individual teacher recommendations*

All Freer Percussion and Reemer Percussion items can be ordered directly from the company website. Everything else can be ordered at www.steveweissmusic.com