Percussion Care Guide

Before Playing:

Always ensure you are using the correct mallets or sticks on the correct instrument. For instance, never use drum sticks on a keyboard instrument like a marimba, xylophone or glockenspiel because they can damage the bars and cause them to play out of tune.

Only strike your instrument with the head of the stick or mallet.

Storage:

If applicable, store your instrument properly in its case when you're not using it.

Never store your instrument in extreme hot or cold temperatures (i.e., in your car while running errands).

Loose items can damage your instrument. Do not put sheet music or other items in your case unless there is a designated compartment for them.

When carrying your instrument, double-check that the case latches are securely closed. It's a good idea to carry the lid of your case against your leg for extra protection.

Keep your mallets and sticks properly in a stick bag.

Monthly Maintenance:

Check that mallets are in good condition. Avoid touching the felt or yarn on the ends of your mallets as the oils on your skin can damage them.

Use a soft, clean cloth to remove any dirt from your snare drum head. Do not apply too much pressure or you may damage the drum head.

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