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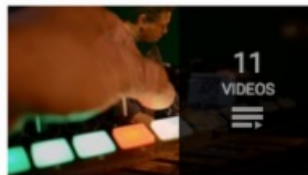
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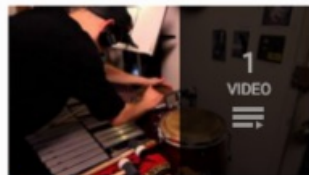


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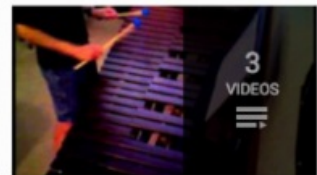
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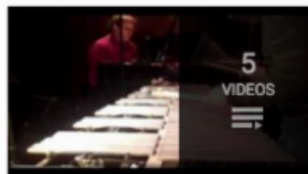
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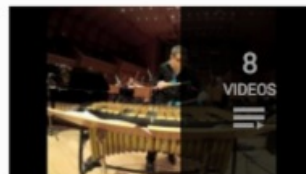
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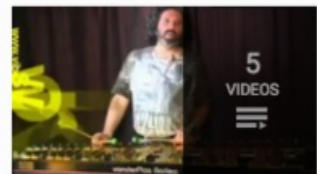
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Product Highlight

Unwound Series

The Unwound Series consists of various oval shaped rubber, wood, metal, and plastic heads to supply multiple timbres

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Balter Basics II is a line of economically developed products for the high school percussionist or student in a Percussion Methods Class. This series will provide the player a mallet that has a great feel and exceptional quality at a very affordable price. The three round-headed marimba models (BB21, BB22, BB23) produce a full tone and the three mushroom shaped vibe models (BB24, BB25, BB26) have a bright, articulate sound. Model BB27 is ideal for general marimba playing, wood blocks, temple blocks, and an array of percussion instruments.



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Welcome New Artists!

Caleb Lenard

Caleb Lenard is an active music educator, clinician, composer, and performer in West Texas. He is currently assistant band director and percussion instructor at Colorado City ISD. In addition, he has presented clinics about percussion techniques and music theory.

Caleb is an active composer for marching percussion and percussion ensembles. *Natura Elementa*, his most recent percussion ensemble composition, was premiered by the Angelo State University Percussion Ensemble in 2013, and utilizes the four natural elements of the planet.

Since 2010, Caleb has been a member of the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra Percussion Section, as well as Acting Principal . Caleb has also played drum set for various artists around the state, including jazz vocalist Lex Land and country musician Mark David Manders.

Caleb's primary percussion professors include Gordon Hicken, Daniel McCloud, and James Bode. He will complete his Bachelor of Music with Teacher Certification degree from Angelo State University in December 2015.

[**Learn More About Caleb Lenard**](#)



Trevor Williams

Trevor Williams is a vibraphonist and composer who performs extensively as a bandleader and sideman.

After playing piano at an early age followed by drums in his teens, Trevor gravitated towards mallet percussion as a natural combination of both. He holds a Bachelors of Music in jazz performance from Western Connecticut State and a Masters of Music in composition from the University of Texas at Austin. While in school, Trevor performed with Mike Stern, Terry Gibbs, Bob Mintzer, Brian Lynch, and Dave Samuels (Trevor's former mentor), and played the North Sea and Montreux Jazz Festivals.

Although Trevor's professional career has focused on jazz vibraphone, he also performs and records with rock, pop, r&b, ska, electronic and classical musicians, reflecting his wide range of musical interests.

A Connecticut native, Trevor now lives in Virginia. Since moving there in 2013, Trevor has shared the stage with John D'earth, Hod O'Brien, Stephanie Nakasian, Butch Taylor, Vince Lewis, Jonah Kane-West, Gina Sobel, and Jen Tal. He is currently working on his first album, a collection of original compositions, due out in 2016.

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Mike Freeman's New Album Blue Tjade

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Blue Tjade

Marking Mike's sixth recording as a leader, Blue Tjade continues his multicultural beat. Grounded in jazz, Latin jazz, and salsa, Mike offers a unique group sound through his music, playing, and instrumentation. Along with the vibes, this outing features conga master Chembo Corniel; drummer/percussionist Willie Martinez; and returning from The Vibesman recording bassist Ruben Rodriguez (who has performed and recorded with numerous Latin legends, as well as top-name jazz and pop groups). The fabric of the music here is again bolstered by the acclaimed tenor saxophone and flute of Chicago's Jim Gailloreto.



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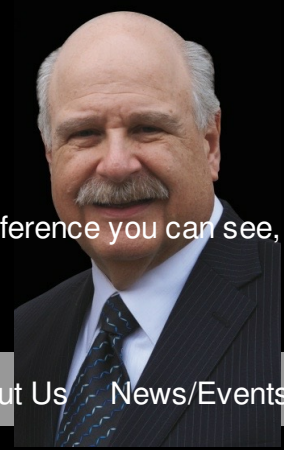
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