

Anklung



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The Anklung is a traditional musical instrument of Indonesia. At first it looks a bit strange but later on it reveals itself as an interesting and manifold effect-percussion. It consists of two or three sound bodies from bamboo that can be pulled and pushed horizontally and that are tuned in precise octaves. On the upper side they hang in a frame. The lower side of the sound bodies can move inside the holes of a bamboo tube.

In order to produce a tone the Anklung has to be shaken horizontally so that the sound body strikes against the holes. Each piece of the Anklung represents a tone and they are combined in exactly tuned scales which hang together in a bamboo rack. Thus you can play each single note and create simple melodies by shaking. For work in groups we recommend that each player holds one or two Anklung pieces and shake it whenever it is his turn.

The origin of the Anklung is in Western Java, where it is widely used in primary school music lessons. While making music it is extremely important to cultivate a spirit of oneness, and the Indonesian name for it is "Gotong Royong".