Hapi Drum





The Hapi-Drum (Hand Activated Percussion Instrument) is born of a new sound culture. It is a mix of Slit Drum and Steel Drum, and offers itself as an easy-to-play instrument for everyone. Produced for rhythmical-melodic improvisation, no musical knowledge is needed. Several sound plates of different sizes are cut out of the arched surface, which are played with strikers or sharp finger strokes. The tones which make a pentatonic scale are long lasting, thus producing a meditative mood. But the Hapi can be played in fast rhythms as well. This instrument is easy to handle, with a diameter of about 30cm, and can be carried in a suitable padded bag.

The Hapi can be played on the lap or a table as it has rubber stands underneath.

At the moment the following tunings are available: D major, E-major and E-minor.