

The Percussion Family Tree

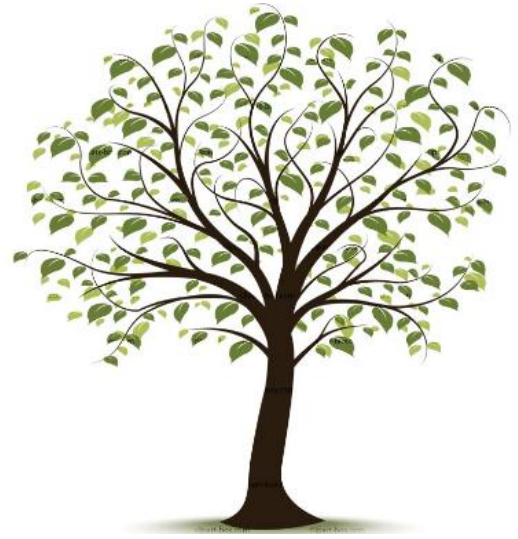
Snare Drum



Bass Drum



Timpani



Marimba



Bells



Chimes



Many people think percussion is just drums, but the percussion family is so big that we can't list all of it here. Imagine a group of soldiers marching... you can hear the **Snare Drum** as they march. You might hear the **Bass Drum** thunder out during the finale' of a concert making the final punch to a patriotic song. A **Timpani** is heard in most symphonies and makes a deep and rolling sound.

The **Marimba** and **Bells** (its little brother) have notes laid out like a piano. However, instead of pressing a key you have to strike the key with a mallet. **Chimes** also serve as an important part of the percussion family, and often mimic the sound of Church Bells in musical performances.