



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Cajon is an box-shaped percussion instrument, which is played in sit with your hands. Its origin is in Peru, where simple wooden boxes were used by slaves to substitute their forbidden drums.

Nower days many people like this instrument because it is easy to play and you are able to use it instead of a drum set if you want to play with other unplugged instruments.

HOW TO PLAY IT

You play the cajón while you sit on top of it. The front of the instrument is marked by guitar strings, which are inside of the box. They are fixed by 2 Inbus screws, which can be used to tune them. These strings create a sound similar to the sound of a snare drum.

Basically there are 3 different areas in the front plate (similar to a Djembe) with different sound characters. When you beat the outer edge you get a bright sound (slap). A beat with the upper half of your hand in the 'tone' area will sound like a snare drum. A beat to the middle area sounds sounds very deep and powerful (bass)

FIRST STEPS

After you got a first contact with the instrument and you know the functionality of it, playing simple rhythms sholdn't be a problem for you.

Count a 4/4 beat and alternate between the bass and snare area. The result is a straight rhythm, you can modify in its speed, kind and intensity of the beats.

