

Bodhrán – An Overview

Governor's School for the Arts
Thursday, June 23, 2022 – Lexington, KY

Instructor: Jeremy Wade
Contact: jeremywadepercussion@gmail.com
jeremywadepercussion.com

TIPPER TECHNIQUE

- Stroke Types – Down, Up, Tap
- Playing Zones
- Incorporating the “Double-Down”

tone technique

- Hand Position – Open, Muted, etc.
- Pops and Clicks
- Changing Pitch

ORNAMENTATION

- Double-Ended – Triplets, Rolls, etc.
- Single-Ended
- Complex Ornamentation

ACCOMPANYING TUNES

- Motor Rhythms – Reels, Jigs, Slip Jigs, Hornpipes
- Consider Instrumentation
 - e.g. Flute players must breath
- “Following” the Tune
 - Rhythm
 - Voicing
 - Ornamentation
- Development
 - Make changes each “pass”
 - e.g. Counterpoint
- Bodhrán as a Drum Set

WORKSHOP TUNES/ RECORDINGS

- *The Wedding Reel*
 - Reel – AABB
 - Justin Bridges
- *The Blooming Meadows*
 - Jig – AABCC
 - Justin Bridges
- *The High Road to Kilkenny*
 - Slip Jig – AB
 - Justin Bridges
- *Spellan the Fiddler*
 - Hornpipe – AABB
 - John Skelton
- *The Murroe Polka*
 - Polka – AABB
 - Shine (Caroline Keane)
- *Charming Lovely Nancy*
 - Slide – AABB
 - Shine (Caroline Keane)
- *Thomas Power's*
 - March – AABB
 - John Skelton
- *Thig Am Bata*
 - Song – Mixed-Meter
 - Uam (Julie Fowlis)
- *The Empty Pod*
 - Reel – Drum Set Feel
 - Rubai (Flook)

Bodhrán – An Overview

Governor's School for the Arts
Thursday, June 23, 2022 – Lexington, KY

RECOMMENDED PLAYERS/ ALBUMS

- Matt Bell
- Adam Brown
 - *Avalanche* (Ímar)
- Cormac Byrne
 - *Stone Soup* (Adam Summerhayes)
- Anna Colliton
- Aimee Ferrell Courtney
 - *New Irish Music* (Chatham Saxophone Quartet)
- Niamh Fennell
- Kyle Forsthoff
- Jim Higgins
 - *Riverdance*
- John Joe Kelly
 - *Ancora* (Flook)
- Andy Kruspe
 - *Liminal* (Liminal Duo)
- Kieran Leonard
- Eamon Murray
 - *Before We Change Our Mind* (Beoga)
- James O'Connor
- Siobhán O'Donnell
- Martin O'Neill
 - *In Session* (Various)
- Colm Phelan
 - *Rosc* (Goitse)
 - *Full Circle* (Colm Phelan)
- Amy Richter
- Rolf Wagels
 - *Bodhrán Insight* (Various)
- Robbie Walsh
 - *Four Winds* (Four Winds)
- Cara Wildman

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Workshop YouTube Playlist:

- <https://bit.ly/3wn2l63>

Instructional Material:

- *The Bodhrán Primer* (Andy Kruspe)
- *Bodhrán Method* (Hal Leonard/ Amy Richter)
- *Bodhrán Soup* (Eamon Murray)
- *Bite-Size Bodhrán* (Eamon Murray)
- *Learn the Bodhrán* (Siobhán O'Donnell)
- *Bodhrán Workshop Notices* (Facebook)

Bodhrán Makers:

- Finnegan Hill Irish Percussion
 - Brent Cuyler (Columbus, OH)
- Hedwitschak Drums
 - Christian Hedwitschak (Germany)
- Metloef Irish Drums
 - Rob Forkner (Gresham, OR)

Tipper Makers:

- Falconwood
 - Gordon Falconer (Netherlands)
- Joseph Mannion (Ireland)
- Stevie Moises (Germany)

Bodhrán Summer School:

- BúlaBuzz (Clondalkan, Dublin, Ireland)
- Craiceann (Inis Oírr, Galway, Ireland)