

SPOTLIGHT ON The Percussion Family



Snare Drum

There are many instruments in the **PERCUSSION** family. They are anything you can hit with your hand, a mallet, or stick. A great example is the snare drum. See how in the picture above the little boy is going to hit the snare drum with the drumsticks?

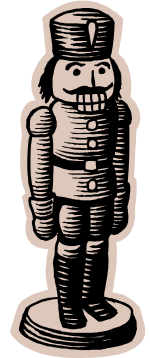


Ratchet



Harp Strings

Some **PERCUSSION** instruments you will hear in the *Nutcracker for Kids* concert are the ratchet, tambourine, harp, and celeste. You might not think of the harp as a part of the **PERCUSSION** family because the harp player does not use mallets to play the instrument. As you can see in the picture above, the harpist uses her fingers to pluck the strings!



The ratchet has a special role in your concert. It is the instrument that makes the sound of the Nutcracker. Can you guess what character in the ballet has music played by the celeste? You will have to come to the concert to find out!



Do not forget to write a question before the concert in the Musical Carnival! During the concert Rob Slack, a **PERCUSSIONIST** in the orchestra will answer your questions!

If you would like to learn more about the **PERCUSSION** family you can visit these websites:

- [Dallas Symphony Kids Instrument Website](#)
- [American Symphony Orchestra Kids Percussion Website](#)