



## Questions and Answers For New UNT Percussion Students . . .

- 1. When are ensemble auditions?** Large ensemble auditions for Wind Symphony, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Drumline A and Brass Band are held during the week of registration. Check the Wind Studies website at [www.music.unt.edu/windstudies](http://www.music.unt.edu/windstudies) for information. Consideration for placement for the classical percussion ensembles (undergraduate and graduate) will be made during the round one auditions with the percussion faculty. Auditions are not required for the beginning Steel Band, African Ensemble, Afro-Cuban Ensemble, Brazilian Ensemble and beginning South Indian Cross Cultural Ensemble.
- 2. What instruments do I need to bring?** A practice pad, snare drum, accessory instruments, stand and an assortment of mallets and sticks. Recommendations are in the Percussion Manual posted on the UNT Percussion website. You do not need a drum set unless you are enrolled in drum set lessons.
- 3. How do I get my private lesson instructor assignment?** When you arrive at UNT, go to the Percussion Area Bulletin board for important information. You will need to fill out a "Lesson Availability Form" and put it in the file box by the Percussion Office, Room 131 by Wednesday of the first week of classes. You must fill out your schedule and leave blank available times for private instruction. Lesson assignments will be given out the Friday of the first week of classes at the Percussion Departmental at 1:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall (Music Building 301).
- 4. How do I find out my level for lessons?** Your teacher will determine your level during the first week of lessons. Lessons begin the second week of school. It is recommended that undergraduates buy Level 1 mallet and snare books. Even if you are deficient in one of these areas, you will still need these books.
- 5. What about practice rooms and Percussion Club dues?** Practice rooms are available to rent each semester. Timpani, vibraphone and marimba rooms are \$30 each per semester. Private rooms for student owned drum sets are available for rent at \$80 per semester if enrolled in private drum set lessons, or if space is available. Percussion Club dues are \$30 per semester. These dues pay for guest artist clinics and concerts during the semester. Signs will be posted on the bulletin board as to rental dates and times.
- 6. How do I accomplish everything there is to do at the UNT College of Music?** The variety of opportunities offered at UNT are vast. The percussion area alone has 13 performance ensembles with a new Gamelan Orchestra arriving this Fall! The performance level of students you will have the opportunity to perform with is outstanding. Remember to pace yourself. It is easy to spread yourself too thin by saying "yes" to every performance opportunity and joining in too many ensembles. You are here to reap the benefits UNT has to offer and contribute to an outstanding music program. Keep your time manageable and enjoy your time here!