

## The Museum of Amazing Musical Minstruments - The Yantra

The *yantra* is a gentle and melodic drum, and is my musical partner to the Hang drum. The notes ring loud and pure.

The *yantra* is a tank drum - it is made out of an old propane gas tank. It's been cut down to this lovely shape, but you can still see the letters underneath. It was made by a man called Jason who lives in Newburgh, Fife, in central Scotland. How do I know that - because I asked him to make this drum especially for me!

The *yantra* is a really sturdy drum, one that anyone can play with any sort of sticks - it's *indestructible* and a great drum to take to a party! I don't even need a case for it.

Some people call drums like this a tongue drum because the musical notes are made by playing each of these tongues that have been cut into the body. Each of the tongues is tuned to a different note on the scale of F major. The *yantra* is a tuned drum that I can play with any other instrument, but I especially like to play it with my Hang because the notes are similar. In music, this is because the scales that the two instruments play are related - D minor and F major.

The *yantra* drum get's it's name because *yantra* is the Sanskrit word for a mystical diagram that is important to members of the Hindu religion. The tongues on the drum look like a picture that you might meditate on. I think it's rather beautiful!

Links

Yantra Wikipedia

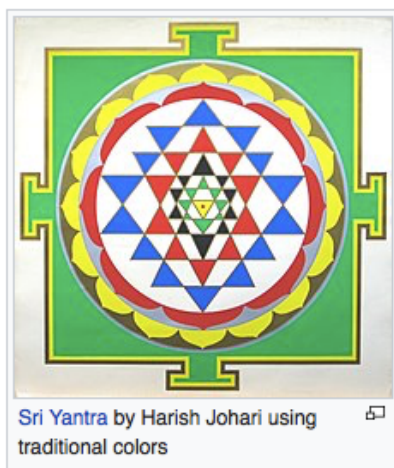
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yantra>

Tank drums

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steel\\_tongue\\_drum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steel_tongue_drum)

How to make a tank drum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yb39iFLlkQ>



## YANTRA QUIZ

1. The *yantra* is a ..... drum?
2. The *yantra* is made out of an old.....?
3. Where does the *yantra* comes from?
4. The *yantra* is tuned to the key of .....?
5. The *yantra* is a word from which language?
6. Draw a picture that is inspired by the shape of the *yantra*

## YANTRA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The yantra is a ..... drum? TANK DRUM or TONGUE DRUM
2. The yantra is made out of an old.....? GAS BOTTLE
3. The yantra comes from .....? NEWBURGH, SCOTLAND
4. The yantra is tuned to the key of .....? F MAJOR
5. The yantra is a word from which language? SANSKRIT
7. Draw a picture that is inspired by the shape of the yantra