

1. Gamelan – Music of Indonesia

1.	What is Gamelan?	Gamelan is the most popular traditional music in Indonesia, particularly the islands of Java and Bali.
2.	Why is Gamelan called Gamelan?	“ Gamelan gets its name from the Javanese word 'gamel', which means a type of hammer. The name ' gamelan ' refers to playing the instruments by striking them with mallet.





3. Gamelan Structure

1.	Kethuk	This is the time keepers part.
2.	Saron	This is the tune in Gamelan music. A small metallophone with 7 metal bars.
3.	Kenong	Music parts that decorate the tune.
4.	Peking	Plays along side the Saron's part. Plays high notes, an octave higher than the Saron.

Key Words

1.	Pitch	How high or low a note/piece of music is played.
2.	Ensemble	A group of people who perform instrumental or vocal music.
3.	Notation	Notation is writing music down so players can easily read the pitch and duration of the notes they are supposed to play.

2. Gamelan Instruments –These instruments are percussion and are the main instruments played in an orchestra for Gamelan music.

1.	Metallophone 	Consists of tuned metal bars across the instrument's body, struck with a mallet.
2.	Gongs 	The gongs are the larger instruments creating longer sounds.
3.	Gong Chimes 	The horizontal gongs are played either in racks or in the lap, creating short and higher pitched sounds.
4.	Drums 	The hand played drums register the beat of Gamelan music.

4. Gamelan Scales

1.	Slendro	A slendro scale uses 5 different pitches. - C - D - F - G - Bb
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5. Wayang Theatre

1.	Wayang	An Indonesian, dramatic representation of mythological events in a puppet shadow play. The puppets perform their plays and are projected by light onto a white sheet. Gamelan music assists the plays.
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Dynamics - How loud or quiet you play the music.

Rhythm - Is a pattern on sounds of different lengths and what makes music move and flow.

Structure - Gives shape and balance to music.

Melody - The main tune of the piece.

Instruments - A combination of instruments used to perform a piece of music.

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Tempo – How fast or slow the music is.

Tonality - Major or minor scale.

Harmony - A multiple of pitches being played at the same time.

Listen to Gamelan music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIAiCTJ9t8g>