

Tradition of Excellence™

TECHNIQUE & MUSICIANSHIP

for group or private instruction

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Welcome to *Tradition of Excellence™: Technique & Musicianship*! Developing technical skill and artistic sensitivity on your instrument is an essential step toward becoming a well-rounded musician. The exercises in this book will help your progress—even scales can be played musically! Of particular importance are the *Musicianship Tips* shown on exercise 8 of each key study. They offer valuable advice and should be applied to the subsequent exercise, as well as the music you play outside of these lessons.

Every percussion student should develop technical and musicianship skills on all percussion instruments. In the mallets portion of the book, play the bells, xylophone, vibraphone, or marimba where indicated. Additionally, some musical passages are more musically satisfying when the rolls are played on xylophone, vibraphone, or marimba.

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