

# CCBANTA | Kalimbas

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Natural



Black Hammered Finish



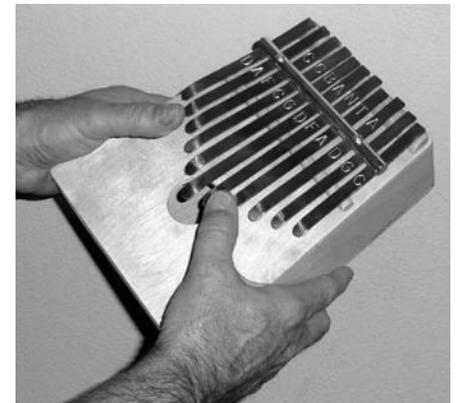
Sport Yellow

The Kalimba originated in Africa and fits into a category of musical instruments known as lamellophones. This type of instrument consists of a number of tines (or tongues) suspended over a wooden box resonator. The tines are held in position by a down-bearing lateral bar that causes one end of the tine to be free for plucking. Plucking is usually performed with the thumbs - a distinction that has led to the kalimba also being referred to as a *thumb piano*. The other ethnic names for the kalimba are *mbira* and *sansa*.

In maintaining the ethnic flavor of the original African instrument, a five-tone or pentatonic\* scale is used that is centered on the tonality of D-Minor which consists of the following notes: D, F, G, A, and C. Each Kalimba contain eleven notes and has a two-octave range which starts on the pitch of "D" below middle C.

These modern day kalimbas are high quality, pitch accurate, professional instruments available in three finishes: natural wood, black hammered, and sport yellow. The tines are buffed aluminum and the resonators are finished with a durable coating.

Each kalimba comes with a built-in piezo-electric transducer pick-up and standard 1/4-inch jack that allows them to be plugged into an instrument amp, powered mixer, or a studio mixing console. User's Manual is provided.



## Specifications

<b>Number of Notes:</b>	11
<b>Pitch Standard:</b>	A-440Hz
<b>Musical Scale:</b>	D-minor Pentatonic (D, F, G, A, C)
<b>Range:</b>	D3 to D5
<b>Tine Material:</b>	Aluminum 5053-H32 (.063"), buffed
<b>Tine width:</b>	3/8-inch
<b>Box Material:</b>	Birch plywood, birch hardwood
<b>Box Height/Depth:</b>	2-3/8"
<b>Box Length:</b>	9"
<b>Box Width:</b>	Tapered from 7-1/2" to 5-1/2"
<b>Weight:</b>	1-lb.
<b>Finish</b>	Natural Wood (Semi-Gloss Clear Coat), Black (Hammered), or Sport Yellow (Gloss Epoxy)
<b>Pick-up Type:</b>	Piezo transducer, rigid disc (high-impedance)
<b>Connection:</b>	1/4-inch phone jack (for instrument cord)
<b>Includes:</b>	Users Guide
<b>Price:</b>	\$175.00 (plus packaging and shipping)

\*The pentatonic scale has an amazing property in that there are no wrong notes. Any combinations of notes or pairs of notes can be played and the music always sounds melodic and pleasant.

Contact Chris Banta above to place the order. Payment is managed via invoice through PayPal. The Customer takes delivery 7-days after order is placed. Packaging and shipping costs are the responsibility of the customer.

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