Artist Biographies

Patrycja Betley – handpans, cajón, bodhrán, udu, darbuka, frame drums, wind instruments, live electronics

A charismatic multipercussionist, composer and educator whose musical world grows out of a fascination with rhythm and the sounds of instruments from different cultures. She creates “melodies in rhythm”, developing her own instrumental setups that combine ethnic percussion instruments, handpans, flutes and electronics. Her work draws on world music, jazz, ambient music and improvisation, as well as nature and her experiences of travel.

She has collaborated with artists including Leszek Możdżer, Kayah, Mateusz Pospieszalski, Maria Pomianowska, Karolina Cicha, Krzysztof Meisinger and Zbigniew Namysłowski. She has also worked with Sinfonia Varsovia, AUKSO, the Polish Radio Orchestra in Warsaw, and MACV, the period-instrument orchestra of the Warsaw Chamber Opera. She explores new timbres and ways of telling stories through sound, combining rhythmic clarity with melody and a sense of space. She is a doctoral student and lecturer at the Ignacy Jan Paderewski Academy of Music in Poznań, where she leads the new specialisation in Ethnic Percussion Instruments. Since 2025, she has been an official ambassador for Meinl Sonic Energy, a brand specialising in the production of instruments used in music for relaxation and meditation.

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Izabella Effenberg – Array mbira, glass harp, steelpan, sundrum, waterphone, vibraphone, marimba, aquarion, hammered dulcimer

Originally from Poznań, Izabella Effenberg is a multi-instrumentalist now based in Germany. Her musical journey is driven by curiosity and a deep love of sound. She plays a wide range of rare and fascinating instruments, including the glass harp, Array mbira, steel drum, sundrum, waterphone and many others. She is constantly seeking out new instruments and tonal colours that allow her music to develop and evolve in unexpected ways. Over the years, she has collaborated with artists such as Bugge Wesseltoft, Jan Lundgren, Lars Danielsson, Nils Landgren, Magnus Öström, Rhoda Scott, Quadro Nuevo, Katja Riemann, Nicole Johänntgen, Susan & Martin Weinert, Ellen Andrea Wang, Efrat Alony and many others. She loves connecting with open-minded artists and people who are curious about sound, resonance and new dimensions of music.

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