

Instruments from India

The tabla is a set of two hand drums of slightly different sizes and shapes. The daya, or right-hand drum, is tuned to the pitch sa (or do). The baya, left-hand drum, is tuned lower. The pitch changes depending how hard you press on the drum heads with your hands.

The harmonium is a kind of reed organ. It has a keyboard like a piano and a set of bellows that pump air through the reeds, creating the sound. The player uses one hand to play the keyboard and one to pump the bellows. Some harmoniums have special knobs that play the drone.



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