

Important Bodhran Information

Seamus O'Kane

Documentary examining the place of the bodhran in Irish music

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIXuL4IU2Hk>

Seamus O'Kane has been making bodhrans for nearly fifty years. He is credited as THE man to bring the bodhran out of obscurity in southern Ireland and into the main stream of Celtic music. He has a unique style. Not really Kerry Style. Not really top down. Five segments total about one half hour. WORTH YOUR TIME!!!

How to improve the sound of a cheap Bodhran

A MUST SEE if you are on a budget.

www.youtube.com/user/bodhrandojo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euUSfb8LfMw&list=UUecn2nQf5XtoV6gYdjAdQCw&index=1&feature=plcp>

GREAT, easy, effective ideas.

Outstanding Bodhran Performances

Lucy Randall

Top end style player

Note how effortless she appears to play and all those wonderful tones. This is a piece in 7/8 time. She is playing a Christian Hedwitschak MOS drum. Note the microphone at the back of the bodhran. This style and drum would not be heard at a session. It's pretty quiet. And the harmonica playing!!!! WOW!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avTlwH122mI>

Lucy Randle explains how to play in 7/8 time. Lucy was a rock and roll drummer for more than a decade and gave it up for the bodhran

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNNLVX74tcc&feature=related>

Michaela Größ

One of Germany's BEST bodhran players

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTXQ4R_QLZA

Michelle Stewart

She gives a good performance and a good explanation of why the diameter of the drum has gotten smaller and the shell has gotten deeper. All sorts of rhythms in this performance. Also note how she changes tippers to alter the voice of the drum.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vtMK0q5ZWA

Martin O'Neill Bodhran Solo

Take note of the tipper. It's a brush something like a snare drummer in a jazz combo would use.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WC1r-yDvLQ&feature=player_embedded#at=79

Guido Plüschke

Unless you know German, push ahead for two minutes into this video to get past Guido's introductory story and reach his solo. Guido is always among the top ranked players in the world. He is playing the drum named after him. Great sense of humor in his performance. I own one of the drums that carries his name. WONDERFUL!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrR90AyP6hI>

<http://www.bodhran-world.de/>

Lucy Randall

Playing in 7/8 time on the Bodhran

Lucy was a rock and roll drummer for more than a decade and gave it up for the bodhran.

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Rolf Wagels

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iZUA7FamZY>

Eamon Murray

Another extraordinary top-down style player.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoUC99-Wvjs>

John Joe Kelly

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ChbigufBC8>

Tad Sargent Billie Jean on the Bodhran

Note that Tad sergeant is using the same bodhran. Different tippers and mallets create the different drum voices. And, some engineering effects too.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icUVvM2nF3E>

Top End Bodhran Single End Rolls & Double Down Demo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lxj1G43ZfEY&feature=related>