

When Science Meets Art

Pearl Reference Alloy And Philharmonic Snare Drums

Pearl has a new lineup of Reference Alloy snare drums in 3-mm cast steel or 3-mm brass, with a choice of 5x14 or 6 1/2x14 sizes. They're said to be the result of the intensive acoustic research associated with the Reference name. Also new are two 8-ply Rosewood snares from Pearl's Philharmonic Series.

(615) 833-4477, www.pearldrums.com



Keep It Down Out There!

Yamaha Marching Snare, Bass, And Tenor Mutes

Yamaha's Marching Mutes are foam pads designed to let marching percussion instruments be played at low volumes. Snare and Tenor Drum Mutes are easy to place and remove with a single finger divot, while the Bass Drum Mutes are held in place by a simple hook-&-loop fastener attachment.

Snare Mutes are available in 13" and 14" sizes, Bass Mute pairs come in even-number sizes from 14" to 32", and Tenor Mute sets come in small (6", 8", 10", 12", and 13") or large (6", 10", 12", 13", and 14") versions. Prices range from \$12.95 to \$79.95.

(714) 522-9011, www.yamaha.com/band



The Reference Shelf

Chris Adler & Jason Bittner Live At Modern Drummer Festival 2005

(DVD) (Hudson Music)



This DVD features the full-length Modern Drummer Festival performances of two of today's most exciting drummers, along with in-depth interviews and extensive educational content. The 155-minute disc also includes demonstrations and discussions of Chris and Jason's performance techniques and practice routines—

providing almost thirty minutes of added performance and educational footage not included on the original Modern Drummer Festival 2005 DVD.

Included in the bonus chapters is Chris Adler's "On The Road" segment, in which Lamb Of God's drummer discusses his drum and cymbal setup, as well as his daily routine while on tour, tips for warming up, and what it's like to be on the road. Also included is Jason Bittner's "In Clinic" segment, with exclusive footage of the Shadows Fall drummer at a clinic in Ibbenbüren, Germany. In addition, there's an eighteen-minute lesson that includes audio and video of Jason's studio performance of "The Light That Blinds," complete with an explanation of his drum part in that song. List price is \$29.95.

(888) 796-2992, www.hudsonmusic.com,
www.halleonard.com

Pure Energy (DVD)

by Tony Royster Jr. (Drum Workshop)

The follow-up to Tony Royster's first instructional video is a performance-driven DVD that highlights Royster's skill as a soloist, as well as performances with hip-hop drummer and producer Nisan Stewart and Royster's band, Inside Out. Royster weaves his way through several musical genres and breaks down his playing and practicing technique. The DVD is recorded in high-definition and 5.1 surround sound. List price is \$39.95.

(805) 485-6999, www.dwdrums.com



Turn It Up & Lay It Down Volumes 4 & 5 (CDs)

by Spencer Strand (Rhythm Tech)

Following the success of the first three volumes of this rhythm-section-minus-drums, play-along CD series, volumes 4 and 5 have been developed to



help drummers expand their knowledge and technique in contemporary jazz and metal styles.

Volume 4, *Baby Steps To Giant Steps: The Road To Fast Bop* features a jazz quartet (minus drums) playing eleven tracks that take players from medium swing at 100 bpm all the way up to a burning version of "Giant Steps" at 310 bpm. Volume 5, *Double Pedal Heavy Metal* has heavy bass and guitar riffs written specifically for double bass drummers. List price for each CD is \$19.95.

(914) 636-6900, www.rhythmttech.com

Sabian 25th Anniversary DVD

In celebration of their 25th anniversary, Sabian is including a free DVD in all of the company's 2006 B8 performance sets. It can also be viewed and downloaded at the company's Web site. The DVD highlights leading Sabian artists and showcases how twenty-five years of Sabian innovation has influenced their playing and shaped their sound. The twenty-two-minute DVD features Daniel Adair (Nickelback), Robby Ameen (Jack Bruce, El Negro & Robby Band), John Blackwell (Prince), Terreon Gully (Christian McBride Band), Tomas Haake (Meshuggah), Keith Harris (Black Eyed Peas), Mike Portnoy (Dream Theater), Jeff "Tain" Watts (Branford Marsalis), and Dave Weckl (Dave Weckl Band).

(506) 272-2019, www.sabian.com

