

Ka-Hon Latin Percussion Ensemble

Study Guide - A musical journey through history, geography and culture



Join Ka-Hon on an adventure in Latin percussion! Discover an explosive array of rhythms from around the world that can be played with a simple wooden box (cajón). Immerse yourself in the music as Ka-Hon shares rhythms and songs from Peru, Mexico, Spain, Cuba and Venezuela in this highly interactive and engaging performance.

Who is Ka-Hon?

KaHon Latin Percussion Ensemble is:

Omar Ledezma, Jr. (Grammy © Award Winner) from Venezuela

Braulio Barrera (Grammy © Award Winner) from Peru

Javier Cabanillas (Grammy © Award Winner) from Mexico

Jose Roberto Hernandez from Mexico

Pedro Rosales from Peru

The *Ka-Hon* musicians invite you to join them on a musical journey and to think about the ways you can learn about other people and countries through music and the arts.



What is a cajón? And where does it come from?

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TedEd Video: Rhythm in a box: The story of the cajon drum - Paul Jennings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJRfx0o5648>

What did you learn about the cajón?

Where does the cajón come from?

Who invented it?

Where was it invented?

In what countries is the cajón most popular today?

What styles of music can the cajón play?

How many styles of music can you name?



What is a percussion instrument?

What makes an instrument a percussion instrument? (instead of a wind instrument or string instrument, for example?)

How many percussion instruments can you name?

What do you think a **cajita** is?

Ka-Hon will show you different ways to play the **cajón** throughout the show. And you might even get a chance to play, too!



Geography

Where is Latin America?

How many countries can you name in Latin America? Can you find them on a map?

How many countries can you name where Spanish is spoken?

How many of those countries are outside of Latin America?



Ka-Hon invites you to open your mind and see all of the musical journeys that are right around us. You don't even need a ticket or have to get on a plane to enjoy beautiful music and learn about people, culture and other countries.

Thank you for coming to our show!



KaHon is (from left to right): Pedro Rosales, Javier Cabanillas, Braulio Barrera, Omar Ledezma, Jr., and Jose Roberto Hernandez.

KaHon Latin Percussion Ensemble was conceived of by Omar Ledezma, Jr. This show was developed by *KaHon* in conjunction with the San Francisco Symphony's Education Department for the SF Symphony's Adventures in Music Program.