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From drums and cymbals to tambourine and chimes
LHU Percussion Ensemble concert to feature wide variety of instruments

Have you ever heard a tam-tam? Or have you ever witnessed someone play a marimba? What about a vibraphone or xylophone? Do you know the difference between bells and chimes? Not to mention the maracas, triangle, snare and concert bass drums, tom-toms, congas, timpani, tambourine, cowbell, wood and temple blocks, and a vast array of cymbals...

All of these instruments will be featured in Lock Haven University's semi-annual Percussion Ensemble concert to be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Price Performance Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Percussion Ensemble is under the direction of Professor Jack R. Schmidt, who also conducts the Lock Haven University Marching and Concert Bands, and Lock Haven University/Lock Haven Community Orchestra. The Percussion Ensemble is a group of musicians playing a vast array of percussion instruments and arrangements of music specifically for percussion at varying skill levels. While it is not required that all members be percussionists, all must all be trained musicians.

Percussion Ensemble is a chamber ensemble. That means that all members are responsible for their individual part as well as making sure that their part fits in the sequence of the entire group. The performance of pieces by the ensemble often mimics a choreographed dance as students move seamlessly from one instrument and song to the next.

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