

## Taking Care of Your Percussion Instruments

- All hardware should be kept dry.
- Machinery should be carefully dried and wiped with a cloth with a little machine oil on it to prevent rusting. The bolts, screws, strainers and other moving parts should be kept in good working order by oiling very lightly occasionally.
- Instruments should be covered with cloths between rehearsals if they are not put away in cases, shelves or some other place that is dry. It is especially important that marimbas, xylophones, vibes and bell lyras be covered so that the surfaces of the bars are protected from damage.
- Timpani should be covered, using fiber discs for the heads and the regular mackintosh covers for the instruments.