

Jembe Course

Jembe means “Everyone gather together in peace”. This course is to enable everyone to learn to play the Jembe - an African drum and use that as a medium to find the joy of playing together. This is typically held as a 16 session workshop for 2 hours each, held on the weekends. No prior musical background is necessary. And if you don't have a jembe, they would be provided for the workshop duration.

Weekly Session Plan

- **Week 1:** Understanding rhythm. Exploring the drum. Learning basic hand techniques.
- **Week 2:** Playing simple base rhythms. Understanding tempo
- **Week 3:** Playing African rhythms. Playing in a group. Following a rhythm.
- **Week 4:** Playing Indian rhythms. Learning to create layers of rhythm e.g. doubling.
- **Week 5:** Creating a Solo. Connecting with my drum. Finding my own rhythm.
- **Week 6:** Adding dynamics to my drumming. Playing with other musicians.
- **Week 7:** Learning to Jam. Internalizing rhythms. The spirit of drumming.
- **Week 8:** Creating a performance. Playing in front of an audience

Here is a set of [rhythms and exercises](#) for beginners.

If you are interested to hold this in your organisation or community, please reach out to me at +91 9980 344 788

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