



MARIMBA ONE Announces Groundbreaking Horizon Synthetic Keyboard

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Marimba One, manufacturer of the world's finest percussion keyboards and mallets, announces a new groundbreaking synthetic acoustic material. It was meticulously developed by Ron Samuels and the team at Marimba One over a 13-year period.



Our new material was created to be used as a musically viable replacement for precious and endangered tone woods such as rosewood. Marimba One currently uses Honduras Rosewood bars on our world-renowned marimbas & xylophones.

We are now able to create a broad range of sound characteristics from our Horizon synthetics"

Ron Samuels
Owner/Founder



The new Horizon Synthetic Keyboards sound so close to rosewood that it's hard to tell the difference. They have the same warmth, projection, and resonance as their Enhanced rosewood bars and are the exact same size, allowing an easy keyboard swap on any M1 frame, including Wave, Izzy, and 3100.

Designed to be performed on in any weather condition, the Horizon Synthetic Keyboard provides a beautiful rosewood tone perfect for marching bands, drum & bugle corps, as well as on the floor at WGI and on stage in concert settings.

M1 is now manufacturing the Horizon Synthetic Keyboard and is available for order. Contact M1 or authorized M1 Dealers for information and pricing.