

# Keyboard Instruments

## *What type of mallets do I use?*

**Bells**—brass, acrylic, or hard rubber mallets

**Xylophone**—acrylic, rubber, or yarn mallets

**Vibraphone**—cord or yarn mallets

**Marimba**—soft rubber or yarn mallets

## *How do I choose which type?*

### **Bells**

- mezzo forte—fortissimo: use brass or acrylic
- pianissimo—mezzo forte: use hard rubber

### **Xylophone**

- mezzo forte—fortissimo: use acrylic or rubber
- pianissimo—mezzo forte: use rubber or yarn

### **Vibraphone**

- pianissimo—fortissimo: use cord or yarn mallets
- always use cord or yarn mallets!!!

### **Marimba**

- pianissimo—fortissimo: use soft rubber or yarn mallets