

# Tropicante

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS / WORKSHOPS

Tropicante offers a variety of workshops and clinics designed for amateur and professional audiences, ranging from school to university levels. **SCHOOL EDUCATORS:** We recommend you acquire our **Latin America Music And Culture Kit CD-Rom** ([www.laticulturekit.com](http://www.laticulturekit.com)) prior to our visit. Please contact us to find out what to prepare.

### K-12

#### **Assembly: A Musical Journey Through Latin America (45-60 minutes)**

This is the most general of all programs. It offers an overview of Latin American geography, cultures, and folk music, including the demonstration of instruments and vocal styles. Many explanations are given in between the musical pieces.

#### **Music/Theater Workshop: Kibungo, The Beast of The Brazilian Rainforest (1-2 hours)**

In this workshop, participants will learn about Kibungo, a legendary beast from the Brazilian rain forest, who is outsmarted by all other rain forest animals when Kibungo tries to eat them. The activity combines simple instrument making, singing, dancing, and acting. Rainforest slides can be shown as well, for which a screen and LCD projector need to be supplied.

#### **Workshop: Making and Playing South American Panpipes (1-2 hours, 10 years and up.)**

Participants will be taught how to make panpipes out of ordinary hardware supplies, and will be taught 2 traditional South American tunes. Materials must be provided if host wishes to keep the finished panpipes (\$75-\$150 for 35-60 students).

#### **Workshop: Afro-Caribbean and Brazilian Music - Origins and Development (1-2 hours, high school and up)**

Explores the origins of what is known today as "Latin Music," from its birthplace in Africa to today's hybrid rhythms.

#### **Workshop: How to play Latin American Percussion Instruments (1-3 hours, middle school and up)**

Hands-on classes on playing congas, bongos, timbales, maracas, güiro, etc. For large groups, some of the instruments need to be supplied.

#### **Long-term Residencies in Latin American Music (K-college)**

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#### **Workshop on Diversity: What Meets The Eye (45-60 minutes)**

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#### **Mixed up About Microphones, Monitors, And Mixers? (60-90 minutes)**

Learn the basics of running any sound equipment! Many programming/activities board members inherit the task of setting up and running sound for their events without any prior training. This workshop explains the components of sound systems, how to hook them up, and how to run them properly.

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## **TEACHER WORKSHOPS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Workshop: Multicultural Music Education (1-3 hours)**

Presents concepts to make the teaching of music from other cultures a more positive experience for the teacher and the students.

### **Workshop: Adding Latin Percussion to the School Jazz Ensemble (1-3 hours)**

Answers the following questions: what instruments should I add to a particular piece of music? What style of Latin music should I use to enhance it? Should I add any Latin percussion sounds to a particular piece of music?

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### **Workshop: New Teaching Ideas / Music As A Teaching Tool (2-6 hours)**

Music is a fun and powerful tool for teaching many different subjects, such as history, social studies, and physics, and for teaching concepts such as cross-cultural understanding and cooperation. Music is one of the fundamental expressions of any culture, and as a result it provides information about the customs and traditions, the humor, the geographical and natural environment, the history, and the regional variations of a language. This workshop includes lectures, musical performances, hands-on activities, discussion groups, and the exploration of the educational CD-Rom, "Latin America Music And Culture Kit."

### **Improving Language Skills with Music (1 hour)**

This workshop focuses on using idioms, phrases, slang, proverbs, etc. and creating musical "hooks" as a renewable source of teaching material. Workshop participants will examine the lyrics of popular songs and identify idiomatic expressions. Participants will share proverbs or idioms and their meanings and if time allows, will assist in writing a song utilizing them. A version of this workshop developed specifically for ELL teachers is available.

**“Latin America: all of the countries south of the United States, including the Caribbean Islands.”**