



KEY VOCABULARY

percussion

Gamelan

pitch

melody

balungan

pentatonic

texture

musical instruments that are **hit** or **shaken** to make a sound

a **traditional Indonesian percussion orchestra**

how **high** or **low** a sound is

the **combination of pitch and rhythm** to create a **tune**

a **melody** upon which Gamelan music is based. The balungan uses either a **5-note scale (slendro)** or a **7-note scale (pelog)**

a **scale** which uses only **5 notes** from the 7 available notes in the normal scale

when music has **parts layered on top of each other**



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Indonesia (pictured in red)
which includes the islands of
Java and Bali



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Traditional Indonesian
metallophones (percussion
instrument)



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Traditional Indonesian gongs
(percussion instrument)



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Kendhang drum – the
instrument that leads
gamelan music



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Musicians playing the
Gamelan