


Caxixi

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Classification	Hand percussion, shaker, basketweave and gourd.
Related instruments	
Shekere, Shaker,	

A **caxixi** (pronounced ka-shee-shee) is a percussion instrument consisting of a closed basket with a flat-bottom filled with seeds or other small particles. The caxixi is an indirectly struck idiophone. Like the maraca, it is sounded by shaking. It is found across Africa and South America, but mainly in Brazil. Natives believed the caxixi to summon good enchanted spirits and to ward off evil ones.

In Capoeira music, the caxixi is played along with the berimbau. In West Africa it is used by singers and often alongside drummers.

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