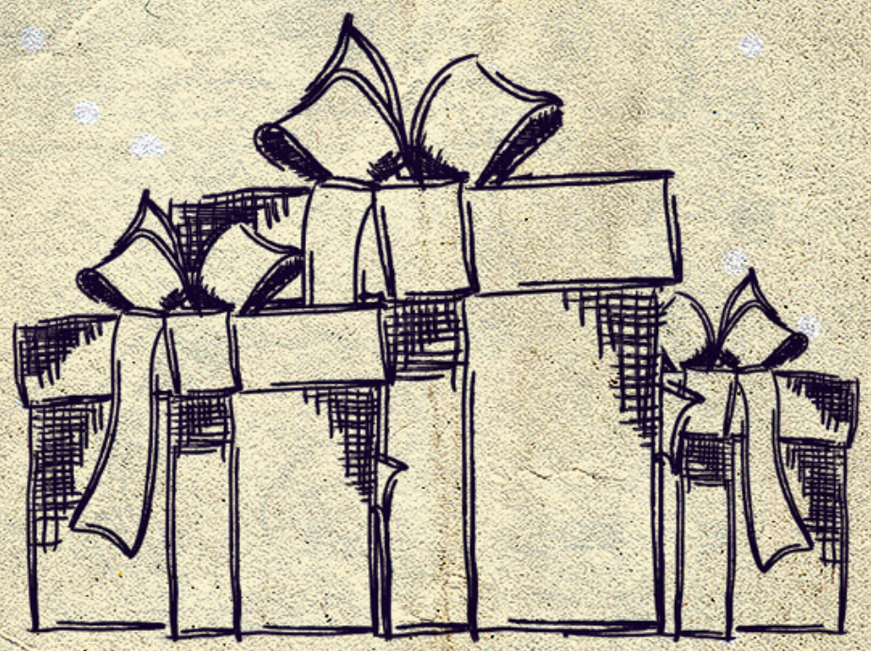
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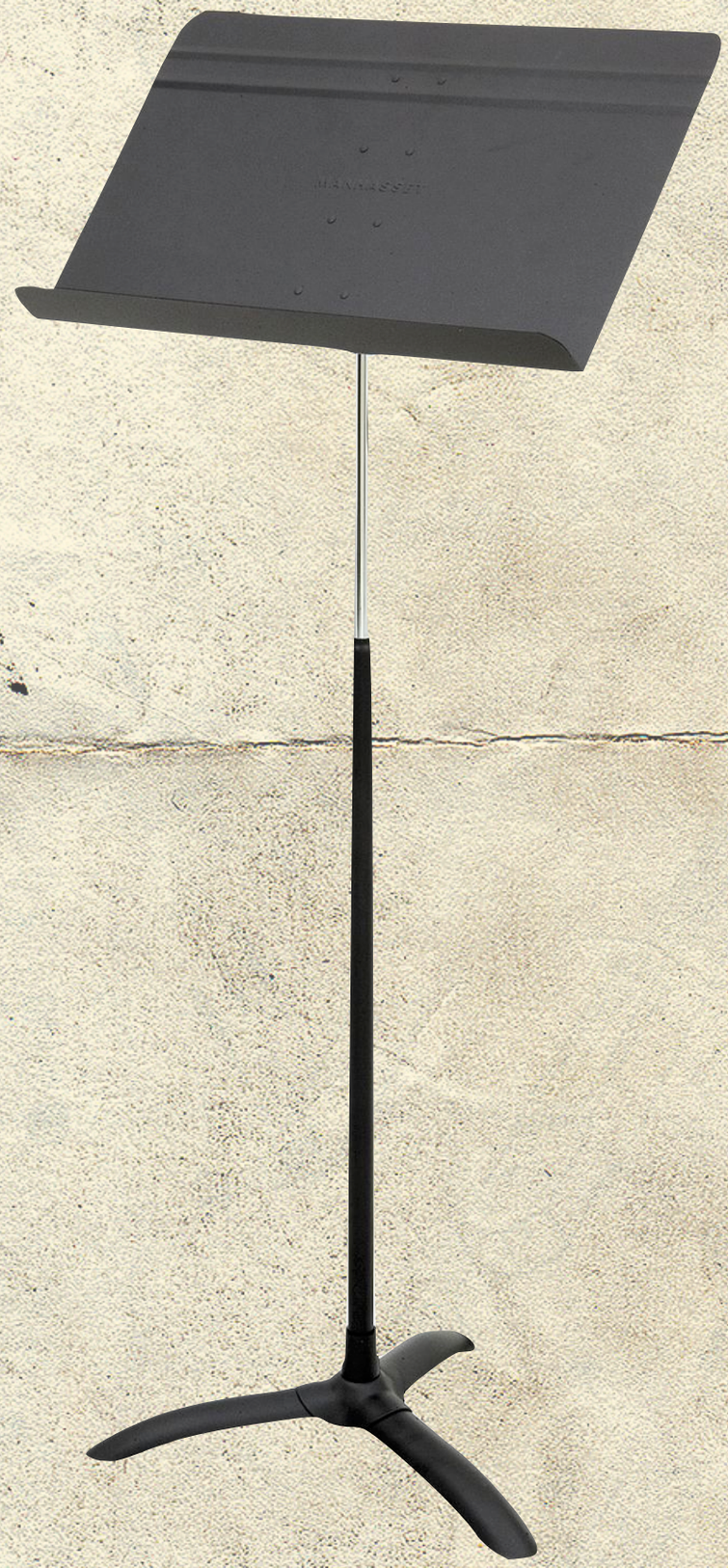
for

YOUR WORSHIP TEAM



By Mike O´Brien

1. A NICE MUSIC STAND



Many musicians place music or lead sheets on a flat surface causing great pain and discomfort while practicing. Purchasing a solid metal music stand is one of the best decisions you can make as a musician. Even if you already have one, you can use additional stands for for multiplayer sessions. These robust stands are great for songwriting, practice prep and they even work for computer tablets.

The Manhasset M48 Symphony Music Stand is the standard and will last a lifetime.

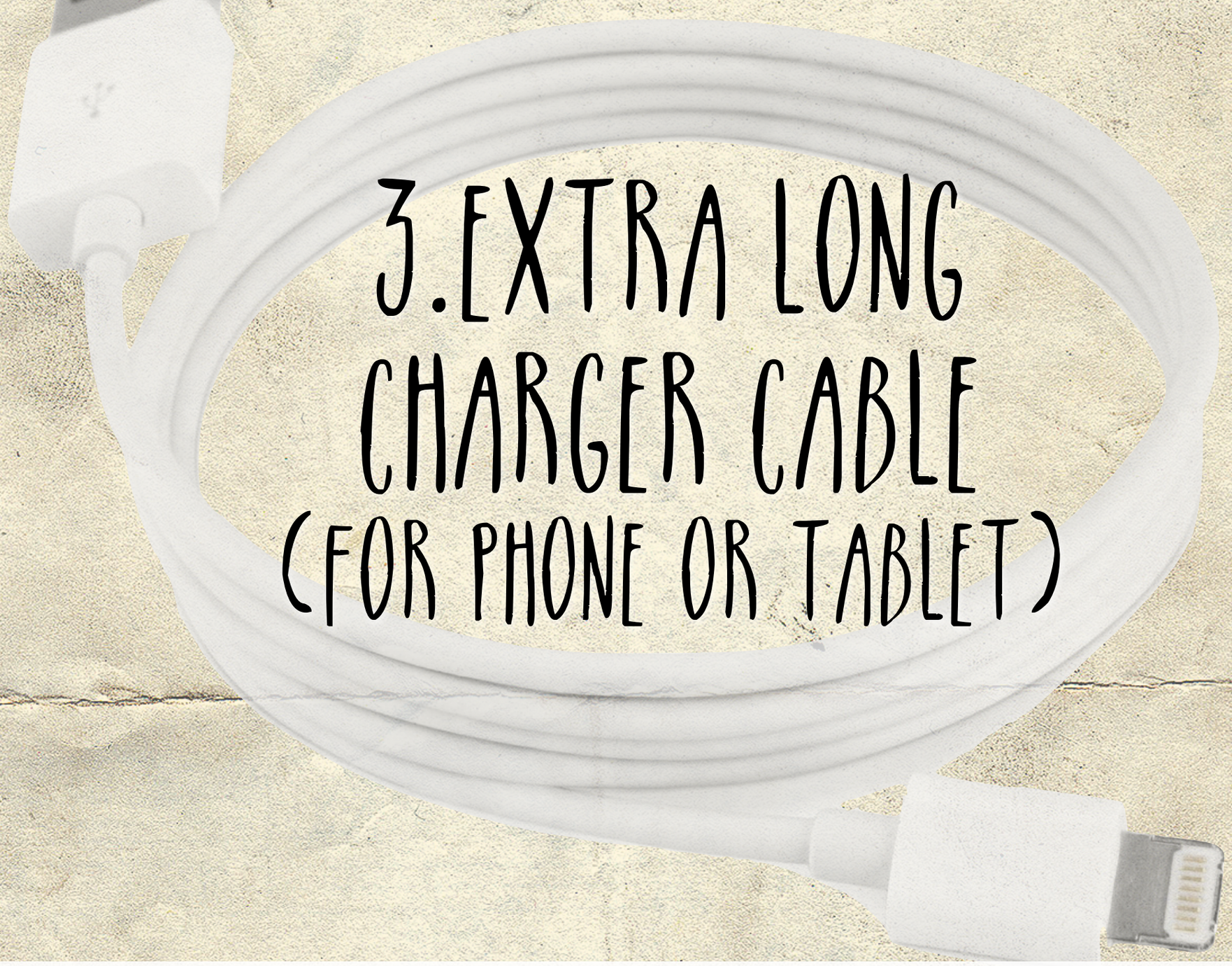
2. EXTRA EARBUDS



Church stages are increasingly becoming equipped with in-ear monitors. The need for one or more sets of earbuds is becoming a necessity. Even if you already own a pair, and extra set of headphones is always a good ideas. Keep a pair in your guitar case, car or at the church. Earbuds drastically range in price, but they are always good gifts for worship team members. Here are some good pairs built for the stage at some different price ranges:

- *Enhanced Bass Hi-Fi Noise Isolating Earphones*
- *M6 PRO Universal-Fit Noise-Isolating Musician's In-Ear Monitors*
- *Westone UM Pro 10*

3. EXTRA LONG CHARGER CABLE (FOR PHONE OR TABLET)



Modern technology on the stage often means needing some peripheral tools to help stay connected. Whether we are using our phones to run monitor mixes or tablets to view lead sheets, it's good to have some extra long power cables for our wireless devices. There are various connectors for different devices, but you should look for power cables 5 feet and longer so the cable can reach up to a music stand.

Magazine subscriptions are not as crucial as they once were before the internet. That being said, there are still many quality periodicals being produced in a physical format. **A monthly mailbox delivery of one of these full color magazines will be a continual inspiration for the musician in your life.** It's the gift that keeps on giving all year long! Here are some good titles to search for depending on the instrument of application:



Performing Songwriter
Premier Guitar
Guitar Techniques
Bass Player
Drum! Magazine
Keyboard Magazine
Mix Magazine (for Sound Team)
Sound on Sound (for Sound Team)

4. A MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

5. APPS FOR MUSIC MAKING



Did you know you can choose and gift a specific app directly to a recipient? This is a great and affordable idea that will resource the musicians in your life! Here is a select list of apps that would be great for worship team members:

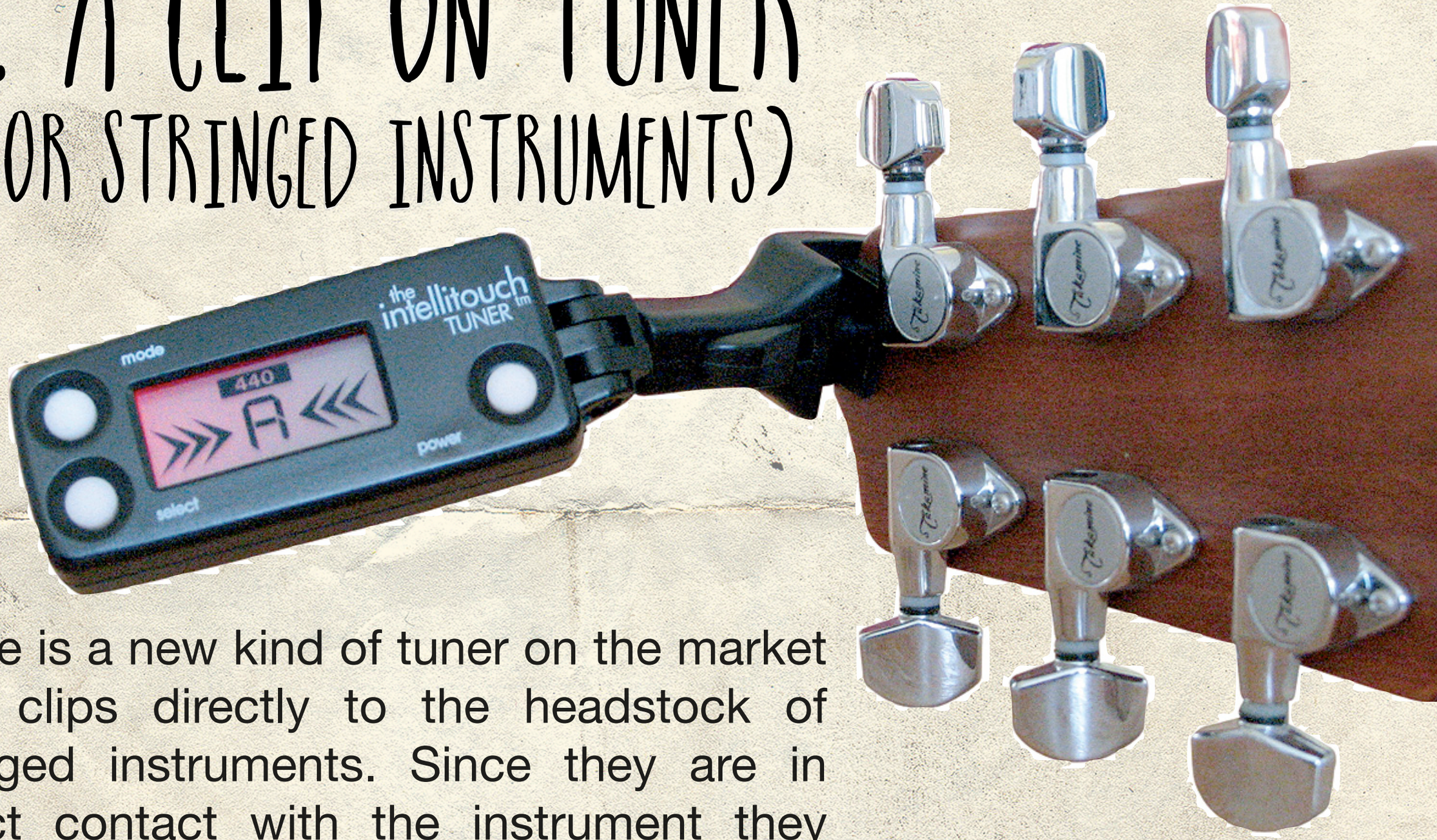
- Singing Vocal Warm Ups - Singer's Friend
- VoiceCoach by Singing Success, Inc.
- iMaschine By Native Instruments for beats
- Groove Sketch Pad for Drummers
- Real Time Analyzer Apps for Sound
- Time Guru Metronome App



6. A KETTLE + TEA (FOR VOCALISTS)

A variable temperature hot water kettle is perfect for singers who need to prepare a beverage that is not scalding hot. A good companion to this gift is a box or two of “Throat Coat Tea” by the company Traditional Medicinals.

7. A CLIP ON TUNER
(FOR STRINGED INSTRUMENTS)



There is a new kind of tuner on the market that clips directly to the headstock of stringed instruments. Since they are in direct contact with the instrument they can easily find a pitch. It's nice to have a few of these laying around the house or in our instrument cases.

8. A CIGAR STOMP BOX

A really fun gift for worship leaders is a cigar stomp box. These little boxes plug into the sound system like a guitar and create a low end kick drum sound that can be great for acoustic sets. Search the web for various boxes at different price ranges.



9. EXTRA FUN STICKS
(FOR DRUMMERS)



Drummers can always use extra sticks and drum keys to tune their drums. Many drummers are particular about the size of drumstick they prefer so consider a pair of hot rods (bundle sticks), brushes, or mallets. These tools will fit into their stick bag and inspire new sounds. They also wear out, so having extra sets is a good idea.

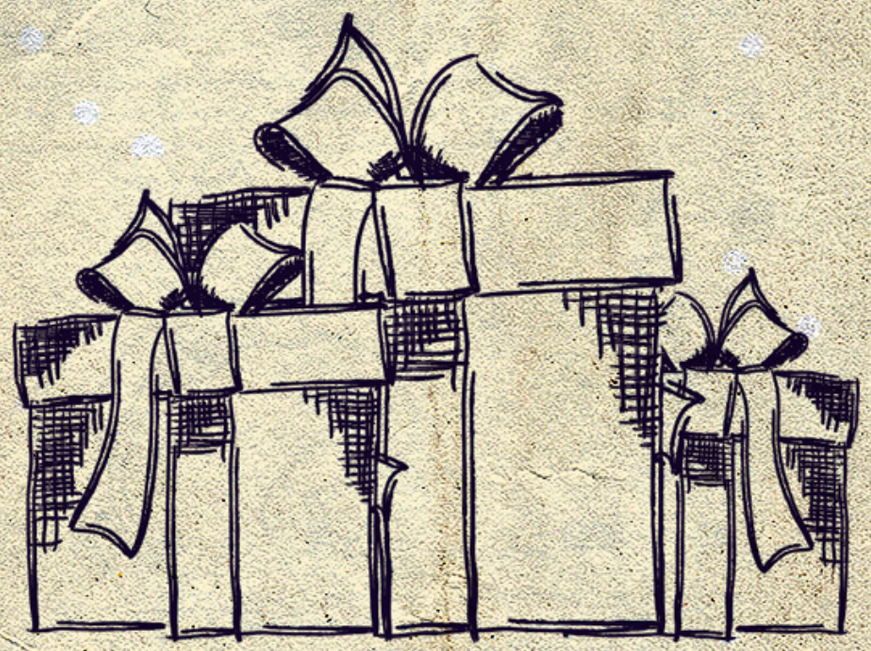
- *Hot Rods*
- *Thunder Rods*
- *Brushes*
- *Mallets with Yarn Tips*

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