



# ROBIN LAYNE



**“Deep dance vibes  
suitable for any crowd!”**

— Vancouver International  
Jazz Festival

**“Marimba is probably  
the most sensual  
and harmonious  
of all percussion  
instruments and  
Robin Layne is one of  
its best ambassadors.”**

— Marc Fournier, music  
journalist & host, CBC Radio  
Canada





Over the past 15 years, Juno-nominated percussionist Robin Layne has steeped himself in rhythmic traditions around the world. His search for rhythm and folkloric traditions has led him to Cuba, Guinea, Mali, Mexico and Colombia. He brings these influences to bear in his compositions which are inspired by his travels. Robin believes music has the power to connect and bring people together and has devoted his life to that, both through his performing work and also his educational work with young people. He is the senior percussion instructor at Vancouver's Sarah McLachlan School of Music.

Robin has worked with many of Canada's finest global artists and toured throughout China, Europe, Mexico, USA and Canada. Highlights include the Nanjing Jazz Festival, Hildesheim Jazz Festival, Victoria Jazz Fest, Arts Wells Festival, Vancouver Island MusicFest, Vancouver Folk Festival, and the Vancouver International Jazz Festival.

### **Robin Layne & the Rhythm Makers (mainstage show)**

With roots in rhythmic traditions around the globe, this groove heavy ensemble delivers music that transcends the bounds of tradition, blurring the lines between jazz and folk as they carve out new territory for the marimba at the forefront of the sonic landscape. Robin and the Rhythm Makers tour as small as a trio or up to a 5-piece band with marimba, percussion, bass, drums and trumpet.

### **Journey into Rhythm (YA show)**

This is an interactive and high-energy musical show designed for young audiences where the students get to join the band and learn how to keep a beat by making music on marimbas and percussion instruments. The performance features the marimba and takes kids on a journey around the globe, as it follows Robin on his travels to Cuba, West Africa, Mexico and Colombia.

### **Marimba workshops**

With 10+ years teaching experience, Robin's marimba workshops are designed to give students a chance to learn how to play marimbas and percussion within the hour. With sets of marimbas and additional percussion instruments, students will build confidence, community and rhythm.

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