

Zill Sources

These sources all carry good quality instruments, from smaller, lighter, less expensive sets to heavier, louder, pricier sets. Most are tuned or closely tuned sets. You get what you pay for, as with everything.

Besides Zildjian, other manufacturers of large orchestral cymbals also produce at least one style of finger cymbals, although they may be sold as singles or pairs rather than in sets of four. I am aware of Sabian and Toca, and there may be others.

You can sometimes find imported sets of small brass cymbals from India or Syria; these generally are high-pitched, untuned, and quiet, with a very short sustain.

If color is one of the criteria for your selection, Egyptian importers sometimes carry fancy mixed-metal designs. The sets I've seen are small, light, and untuned. Silver-toned zills are often pressed steel or chrome-plated, and will have a different quality of tone from brass zills.

Eva Cernik (USA)

Specially-made **Nile** finger cymbals
2 styles, with double-slotted thumb zills &
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Mekjian Enterprises (USA)

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Mid-East Mfg., Inc. (USA)

3 styles, double-slotted, flared & flat rimmed
www.mid-east.com

toll-free outside of Florida: 1-800-673-1517

email: info@mid-east.com

Saroyan Mastercrafts (USA)

Large catalogue of styles, double-slotted
<http://www.saroyanzils.com/>

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email: info@saroyanzils.com

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Zildjian (USA)

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2 percussionists' style (pairs), single-holed, sloping rims

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