

Jim Santi Owen has been working teaching and performing in the Bay Area for since 1991. He performs and records with Ancient Future, Trance Mission, Tock, Pharaoh Sanders, Mobius Operandi, and the Ali Akbar College Tabla Ensemble. Jim studied tabla (a North Indian pair of drums with goat-skin heads) with Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri. From his South Indian drumming teachers T.H. Subash Chandran and K.Shekar, he learned thavil (a rare two-headed barrel drum played with a stick in one hand and finger caps on the other), morsing (a mouth harp), ghatam (a clay pot played with the fingers), and kanjira (a small frame drum with a lizard-skin head).