

Tala

- Indian rhythms are known as talas.
- A tala is not just a time signature as used in Western music.
- It is a basic rhythm pattern or cycle with many complicated patterns within it.
- A tala is repeated many times during the piece.
- There are about 350 talas in Indian music.
- Talas are cycles of 4 –16 beats.
- Two rhythm instruments are TABLA. These are a pair of drums with leather heads and leather straps for tuning.
- Different parts of the tabla drumheads make different sounds, produced by different combinations of finger movements made by the drummer.