

Microphone Placement for Tenor Pan Sound Recording: New Recommendations Based on Recent Research

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Abstract: *The placement of recording microphones used for live recording, studio recording or sound reinforcement of a tenor steelpan is revisited using new research findings on the soundfield of the instrument. The new results were obtained using a technique called Nearfield Acoustical Holography (NAH). An analysis of the existing microphone techniques and the recommendations for new positions based on the soundfield information is made.*

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