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McKenzie Squires is a percussionist with a passion for world music, research, composition and most importantly performing with fellow musicians. She is pursuing her Masters Degree in Percussion Studies at New York University in New York City, NY. She is an adjunct percussion instructor through NYU as well as a teacher via zoom to percussionists from around the US. In her free time she obsessively practices solo glockenspiel pieces, researches the history of the music that she is playing from minimalism to Pan to Gyil, and produces content for Instagram. Occasionally she can be found composing electronic music from sound bites and pre-recorded materials. She is a founding member of folx Percussion as well as a member of the NYU Graduate Chamber Ensemble. So Percussion is happy to have her as one of their newest interns where she is learning how to run a percussion ensemble (and run a non-profits social media). McKenzie can be seen in Harlem playing djembe and gyil, Brooklyn with So Percussion or Pan in Motion, in Manhattan with Sandbox Percussion or traveling to nearby states to perform at theaters, festivals, and art galleries.