

Pop It! grew out of a unique experiment in multi-dimensional learning.



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Living Arts Apprenticeship Program & Amir Ziv Present



## DRUM FOR YOUR LIFE

An album composed & performed by Pop It!

A melting pot of musical interests from 20th/21st century contemporary to modern break-beat electronica to pancultural pop fusion.

These new works for large-format percussion ensemble feature traditional and found-object percussion instrumentations, electronics, horns, and voice. Each composition encapsulates innovation and originality.

Pop It! is comprised of students, faculty, and guests from Living Arts Apprenticeship Program (LAAP) sessions between 2010-2014. Located in the Catskills, NY, LAAP integrates the study of **drumming**, **Aikido**, and music **composition** in a cross-disciplinary arts intensive geared towards enhanced performance techniques.

### NEWLY INVENTED SCALES

"Aliquot" (track 3) explores a new musical language using a mathematical system of ratios to determine all rhythms and harmonies heard.

### ONE OF A KIND INSTRUMENTS

Jo (A martial arts staff struck to produce sharp resonating wood sounds), Elephant Bells (oversized forged-metal bells), Prison (cooking pot lid) Gong, Subway Mirror Back (used to produce noise-gate style white noise)

### E. E. CUMMINGS

poem "next to of course god america i"  
set to percussion and voice

Touch It!

This is the most **imaginative** and **compelling** percussion-based music I've heard in many years; **innovative** and **adventurous**.

**Joe Chambers**  
Wayne Shorter, M'Boom, Charles Mingus, Miles Davis

Blast It!

Amir Ziv has expanded his drumming and collaborations to make **international music with a flow**.

**Pheeroan Aklafl**  
Cecil Taylor, Henry Threadgill

Love It!

Snap It!

Share It!

Say It!

Flip It!

Want It!

Shake It!

Face It!

Amir's projects always bring shades of **colors that are unique**. Always interesting!

**Efrain Toro**  
Legendary educator & performer

Rock It!

# POP IT!

PRODUCED BY  
AMIR ZIV

Take It!

Punch It!

Shout It!

Just watching this beautiful blue vinyl spinning my soul **a deep story** jumping out of it  
Pop It!  
Conversations  
Crystal clear sounds  
Living Rituals  
Living Arts

**Cyro Baptista**  
Herbie Hancock, Sting, YoYo Ma, Paul Simon

Hear It!

Few – if any – large percussion ensembles can pull off the imagery and **multi dimensional sonic illusions** that Pop It! powerfully delivers. There is plenty to experience from the **unusual sound scape and recording style**.

**Jamey Haddad**  
Paul Simon

Breathe It!

Catch It!

I dig Pop It! It's got a **big sound**.

**Billy Martin**  
Medeski Martin & Wood

Find It!

Play It!

Mark It!

Live It!

Roll It!

Mean It!

Give It!

Twist It!