

## **Egg Shaker/Mini Maraca**

The egg shaker and mini maraca are both shaker-style instruments from the maraca family. There are lots of ways to play the MINI MARACA. By holding the mini maraca horizontally, you can make a delicate staccato sound by sharply tapping the ball of the maraca with the fingers of your other hand. You can make a quiet swirling sound by pointing the maraca downward while rotating your wrist in a circular motion. By holding the maraca upright and shaking it quickly back and forth, you can make it sound like a rattlesnake. By slowing down the shake to a steady pulse, you will produce a familiar maraca rhythm. For faster rhythms, the maraca can be played in an up and down motion, alternately striking the thigh and the open palm of your free hand. The EGG SHAKER can be played by holding it lightly in the palm of your hand. Move your hand up and out for the first beat and then down hard for an accent on the next beat, repeating this motion over and over again, accenting every other beat.