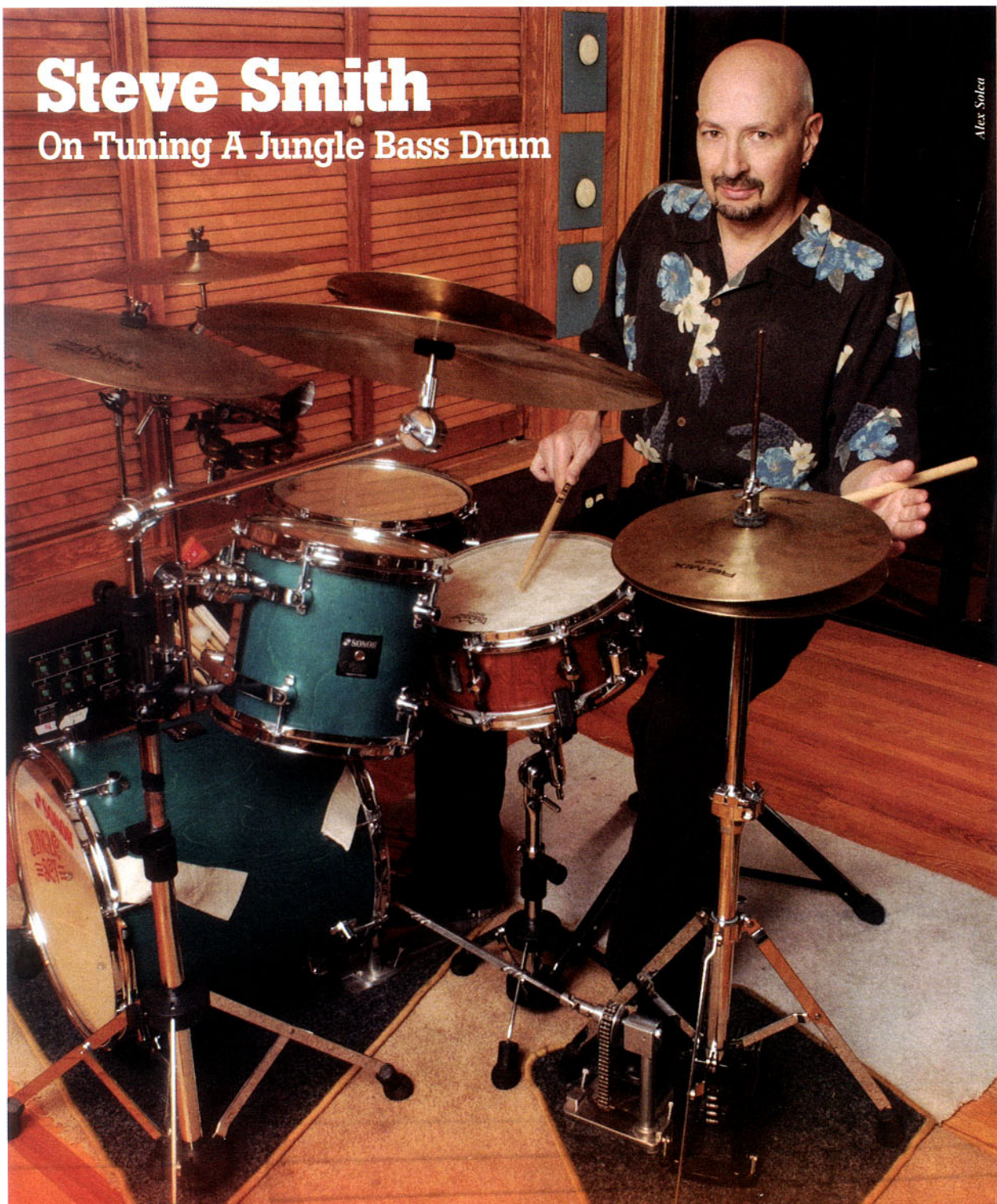


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On Tuning A Jungle Bass Drum

Alex Soler



I've seen you playing a Sonor Jungle kit on several occasions, and I just purchased one for myself. I really enjoy the kit, but I'm not sure how to appropriately tune the tiny 16x16 bass drum. Could you provide some tips on tuning, muffling, and head selection for the Sonor Jungle bass drum?

Jim Davis

I truly enjoy playing on a Sonor Jungle kit. I have to say I think there are some "secrets" to getting a great bass drum sound on this kit. The first is the batter head: I use a clear

Remo Emperor. [I use the standard front head that comes with the kit.] The Emperor batter makes a big difference by helping the drum produce more low-end frequencies.

The second secret is that I use only felt strips as muffling, with a strip on the batter head and a strip on the front head, each placed about 2" or 3" down from the top of the drum. I don't cut a hole in the front head or put a pillow in the drum, because it's not big enough for that type of bass drum muffling to work.

The last secret is to not bury the beater. The drum can sound big and beautiful if you play "off the head." Hope this helps.