



## Shawm

### Date

1920-1935 ca.

### Description

Conical, double-reed instrument of the suona family. This smaller variant is commonly used in wedding processions. Scalloped hardwood body with bronze bell and fittings. The haidi, or "sea flute," is a regular member of Chinese opera ensembles. Reed made of riverweed, wrapped with wire prior to insertion into the pirouette. To play, the entire reed is placed inside the mouth and the player's lips are pressed against the metal disc at the upper end of the pirouette. Musicians employ circular breathing to maintain a continuous supply of air passing through the reed. The inscription might refer to the troupe that used this instrument, rather than the maker.

### Dimensions

Total height: 335 mm Bell diameter: 86 mm