

Mouth organ

Date

1940-1960 ca.

Primary Maker

Lao people

Description

A free-reed instrument with eight pairs of bamboo tubes, set into a hardwood windchest and sealed with a wax secreted by an indigenous, wasp-like insect. Each tube contains a brass reed that is activated when a finger hole above the windchest is stopped. The khaen is played both monophonically and polyphonically; it can be used as a solo instrument or to accompany singing.

Dimensions

Height: 885 mm Width: 158 mm Depth: 60 mm



