



Yueqin

Date

1910 ca.

Description

The table and back consist of two flat discs of softwood (wutong wood(?)- *firmania platanifolia*). The ribs are a circular shell of the same wood, covered with a hardwood veneer in two sections. A short neck of the same hardwood extends to a pegbox in the form of a rectangular frame, open at the middle, with eight lateral holes for four perforate conical fluted pegs. An upper bridge is attached to the neck below the pegs. The finial flares backwards towards a scroll, consisting of a single whorl carved from a separate piece of wood. The instrument was originally built with ten (now nine) bamboo frets of triangular section and of graduated height: from 12mm. (the fret nearest the pegs) to 7mm. (the fret nearest the lower bridge). Two frets are glued to

the neck and seven (originally eight) to the table. A simicircular hardwood bridge with two pairs of diagonal holes through which the strings are tied, is fixed to the table, and lies on the same plane.

Dimensions

Over all length: 600 mm Over all width: 350 mm Sounding length of strings: 347 mm Height of upper bridge: 13 mm Height of lower bridge: 9 mm Body circumference: 1140 mm Body height: 40 mm