



End-blown trumpet

Date

1900-1950 ca.

Description

Brass, copper, painted with geometric and floral decoration in red, yellow, and blue (restoration based on original paint remnants); bosses at joints filled with rattling material; integral mouthpiece (copper sheet pressed into cup-shape, folded over the edge of an inverted conical brass tube, inserted brass tube inside serves as throat). In central Rajasthan, the bānkiā is played principally by professional musicians (Sargara). It is used for wedding celebrations and other festivities, or to accompany dances. The single-looped tube arrangement of the bānkiā is influenced by the European trumpet, but deviates from it in the shape of its bell.

Dimensions

Height: ca. 890 mm Tube length: 1830 mm Bell diameter 226 mm