



Side-blown flute

Date

1980-1990 ca.

Description

Bamboo with handpainted designs in red, yellow, green, blue and white. This flute has both side-blown and end-blown mechanisms. One need only flip the instrument lengthwise to play it using the other mechanism, as the sounding length is divided by three vent holes. There is no evidence to support the presence of this type of internal duct mechanism in East Asia prior to the twentieth century. This instrument was made for the tourist trade.

Dimensions

Total length of instrument: 536 mm Embouchure hole: 7.8 mm x 7.1 mm