

Japan



The Biwa

The Biwa originated in China.

The Biwa is commonly used in Imperial court music, prayer, and storytelling.

Although the Biwa is used in contemporary music, it is most commonly used by itself.



The Taiko

The Taiko is a percussion instrument.

It was used in Japan over 2000 years ago.

They are used in festivals and religious ceremonies.



The Koto

The Koto is made in china.

The body of the koto is made of paulownia wood and is about 190 cm to 74 inches long.

The kotos strings are made of silk and when it is played in songs it sounds beautiful.



The Shakuhachi

The Shakuhachi is a Japanese end-blown bamboo flute.

The Shakuhachi's blowing end is cut obliquely out ward, and a small piece.

The bell flare end consists of the trunk of the bamboo plant with its roots ends.



sanshin

The sanshin is a three stringed instrument of okinawa.

The strings mean male string, middle string, and the female string and vary from thickest to thinnest respectively.

The strings of the sanshin are white except those of amami wich are yellow.

