Iraqi Folk Instruments

A traditional Iraqi ensemble includes three string instruments, one wind instrument, and one percussion instrument.

Violin: A four-stringed

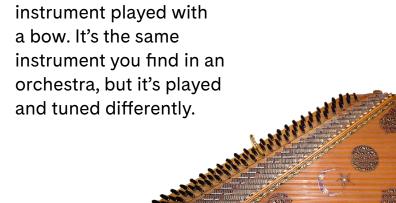


Oud: A pear-shaped instrument with 11 strings. Its name means "thin strips of wood," which is what its body is made of.





Riqq: A small hand drum with cymbals around it. It's a lot like a tambourine.



Qanun: An Arabic harp that is more than 1,000 years old!