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Echoes of the Mountains:

Folk Instruments of the Ukrainian Carpathians

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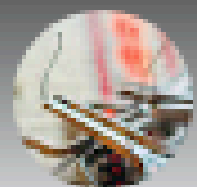
Друмба (друмба) // Jaw Harp

@ Віталія Мироняк



Small metal mouth instrument
Played by plucking a tongue-shaped reed.

- Needs the mouth as a resonator
Sound changes with breath and articulation.
- Common in Hutsul rituals and dance
Used to teach rhythm and expressive movement.
- One of the oldest instruments
Traced back to Neolithic times.
- Linked to magic and healing
Used by molfars for meditative purposes.



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