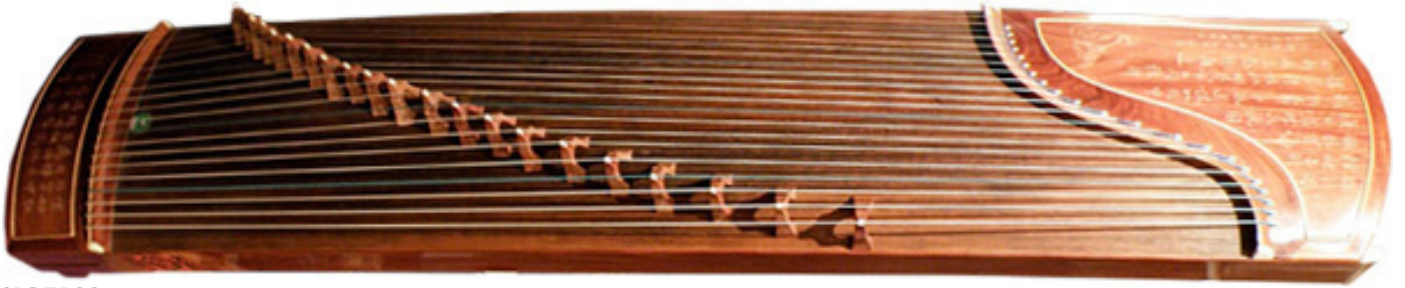


Gu Zheng



SIGZ100

The Gu Zheng is a zither which has the shape of a trapezoid with a slightly arched surface. The resonating box is made from wood and has several movable bridges. For tuning, the bridges are moved, which is quite unusual for stringed instruments; they mostly have fixed frets. Traditionally the Gu Zheng had 6 strings, later the number increased to 13. Today the Gu Zheng often has 21 or 25 pentatonically tuned strings which are plucked with plectra attached to the fingers.

Since its beginning in Central China 2500 years ago, a number of different types of Zheng developed, but this instrument is considered the parent instrument, also of many other Zithers in Asia like the Japanese Koto or the Vietnamese Dan Tranh. Its fascinating sound and the variety in its expression have deeply influenced Chinese music.

Incl. Bag, plectra, tuning key, tuning chart.
Stands are sold separately.