

# Mouth Harp



The Jew's Harp has been used for centuries in almost every culture on earth. This explains the astonishing number of about 400 types, as each country and each region created its own typical style. The variety of names speaks up for itself – there are several hundred names for this simple instrument, but there is very little known about its early history.

This small metal instrument is pressed against the teeth and then plucked. A skilled player can create a wide range of overtones. Musicians give impressive performances at annually held festivals worldwide.

The models made from bamboo are held between the lips, which is of course better for the teeth, but the sound is much softer. The Vietnamese Dan Moi works the same way but as it is made from metal the sound is full and strong. Here we present some of the most popular types.