

# TOP TEN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.



## CYMBALS

Cymbals have been known since the Middle Ages. Often used in religious ceremonies, they became part of the orchestra around the 18th century.



## DRUM

The concept of drums is as old as mankind. Drums first appeared as far back as 6000 BC. Several wall markings found in caves in Peru show drums in use.



## XYLOPHONE

Xylophones were used in Southeast Asia during the 1300s and spread to Africa, Latin America, and Europe.



## MARACAS

Clay maracas used by the Indians of Colombia have been dated to 1500 years ago. They're a native instrument of several nations of the Caribbean and Latin America.



## FLUTE

The origins of all modern wind instruments, prehistoric bone flutes have been unearthed.



## GONG

The gong has obscure origins in the Middle East or South East Asia, and by the 9th century had migrated to Indonesia. It made its way to Europe by the 18th century.



## TRIANGLE

In 1849, Hungarian composer Franz Liszt wrote a triangle solo in his first piano concerto.



## RHYTHM STICKS

Two simple sticks that originated with Australian Aboriginal cultures, where singing and dancing form a prominent part of life.



## HARP

The harp is believed to have been developed from the hunter's bow. Wall paintings of bow-shaped instruments similar to that of a harp were found in Egyptian tombs.

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