

***Mukkuri* (Mouth Harp)**

The *mukkuri* is a traditional Ainu mouth harp made of wood (usually bamboo) and a string. The instrument is played by holding it to the mouth and pulling the string with the right hand. This produces a vibrating sound, which the player can alter by moving the lips while inhaling and exhaling. Traditionally the *mukkuri* was played to attract the attention of someone one loves.