

IMC ASIAN MUSIC ROSTRUM 1971

Composition to be submitted by NHK:

* Title: Shakuhachi "Shika no Toone"
(Bamboo flute - The Distant Sound of the Deer)

* Duration: 9 minutes 30 seconds

* Performers: Shakuhachi duet Shizuo AOKI
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The traditional reed instrument of shakuhachi featured in Japanese classical music in one of the best known compositions for the instrument "Shika no Toone".

* Shakuhachi: End blown bamboo reed instrument

1. traditional classical Japanese instrument
2. somewhat similar in shape and tone to ancient European classical instrument of recorder, often compared to it by musicologists.

This Japanese flute like instrument is made from a bamboo tube with an oblique blowing edge with bone or ivory insertion in the center, four holes on the top and one on the back and with a slight tapering away from the bamboo root which forms the end bell. The standard length is 54.4 centimeters. Nothing else is done or added to the simple construction of this instrument.

Thus the playing of the instrument is entirely up to the technique of the performer. The basic notes