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Tribal Group: DJAPU

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Price: BH

DIDJERIDOOS

The didjeridoo is a rythmical musical instrument used in accompaniment with clap sticks during Aboriginal ceremonies and rituals. It is played with the lips and tongue, the lips vibrate loosely and sounds are varied by the tongue moving towards and away from the mouthpiece. Use of vocal chords causes a croaking sound and usually a longer instrument will give a deeper tone.

The medium is hollowed out eucalyptus branch or trunk. Designs painted on the instrument represent the artist's own totemic dreamings and are done with earth ochres and pigments. The mouthpiece is protected with beeswax.

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