

**Banhu** (related to the erhu; 2-stringed; fretless)

Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banhu>

Solo with banhu orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIYdhC62BiY>

**Dizi** (flute)

Wikipedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dizi\\_\(instrument\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dizi_(instrument))

Jiang Guoji, Chinese New Year

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zsNZHBj2MY>

**Erhu** (2-stringed; fretless; unusual method of sound production uses python skin!)

Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erhu>

\*Erhu master (Xiao Bai-Yong)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fz1YMjLwExE>

**Pipa** (lute; fretted)

Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pipa>

Vivian Ge –in Chinese with English subtitles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dkw94947S8>

**Sanxian** (3-stringed; fretless; tone similar to the banjo; lute)

Definition with pictures

<http://arts.cultural-china.com/en/94Arts7457.html>

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**Sheng** (17 and more pipes; uses a free reed (?); forerunner of the organ and the accordion)

Wikipedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheng\\_\(instrument\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheng_(instrument))

Here are several demonstrations:

This one is in Chinese, but it's short and fun to watch (she plays the 'Super Mario' theme song!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qM9hH3suOpo>

This one is a bit longer, but may be more informative. The player is a member of a Chinese Youth orchestra in California! I recommend taking a look at the orchestra's site, too.

The demonstration:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRM4iLaV\\_c8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRM4iLaV_c8)

The orchestra site:

<http://fyco.org/new/intro.html>

And, finally, a more technical introduction, by a pro (Wu Wei)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn45L7Sebjw>

**Suona** (oboe)

Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suona>

At a Chinese New Year Concert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrK1Gck-Kb4>

**Yangqin** (dulcimer)

Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yangqin>

Street performer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxTeFU-eIwY>

**Zheng** (Guzheng; gu-zheng = ancient-zither)

Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guzheng>

Modern concerto with zheng and string orchestra of Cologne

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_sxe5GkwXrQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sxe5GkwXrQ)

Lui Fang plays "Autumn moon over a calm lake" in Venice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJlvN3DMbfE>

**Ladies Playing the Erhu, pipa & YangQin**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=op3FpzvN4wk>

**Yangqin and Erhu double concerto** – esp. 4 – 5 min. (4:20) (10:32 total)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbWj73oklvk>

Conducted by Ng Chiu Shing. Soloists are: Christopher Leung (yangqin) and Lau Nan-Yen (erhu). Combined orchestra consists of Toronto Chinese Orchestra & Yellow River Ensemble (Toronto), Little Giant Chinese Chamber Orchestra (Taiwan), Hong Kong Leung Sing Tak Primary School Chinese Orchestra (Hong Kong), Pentatonics of the British Columbia Chinese Orchestra (Vancouver) and Edmonton Chinese Philharmonica Association (Edmonton) 6. Destiny

Composed by Ng Chiu-Shing "Our encounter seems to have been arranged by someone beyond our reach, or it may be destiny that brings us together." The composer tries to express his feelings through music by the analogy of the relationship between a musical instrument and strings, and send tributes to everyone that attends the performance. This is a dual concerto featuring Yangqin and Erhu.