

SA982424

Antique Xylophone, English, Bronze, Bamboo, Musical Instrument, Victorian, 1900

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA982424****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 83 cm (32.7")

Width = 62.5 cm (24.6")

Depth = 37 cm (14.6")

Description

This is an antique Harmonicon xylophone. An English, bronze and bamboo framed musical instrument by W.F. Needham of Birmingham, dating to the late Victorian period, circa 1900. Striking Chinoiserie taste to the frame, with superb musicality. Displays a desirable aged patina and in good order. Bamboo frame shows fine grain interest and rich caramel hues. Quality bronze note bars present deep golden tones. Distinctive show frame boasts strong Chinese taste with geometric forms and brass mounts. Six bar scale set at an angle, suspended upon antique leather straps. Each note resonates beautifully into a large brass bell adorned with pattern detail. Delightfully matched notes create a musical sound with appealing sustain. Musical note characters engraved to the centre of each bar. Demi-lune brackets atop each bell engraved with maker's marks and individually numbered. WF Needham listed as sole licensee of Plant & Perry's Patent No. 5320. Replete with a round cork striker, the painted handle showing charming signs of original wear. This is a fascinating antique Harmonicon Xylophone, graced with exceptional Chinese taste to the show frame and outfitted with superb bronze note bars over ...

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