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Ghost Catcher - advanced mouth bow

€99.00

Unique Item!

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Ghost Catcher (stringed) is a traditional instrument of Kuzhebar people (South Siberia). It is a kind of mouth bow, but unlike other mouth bows it has little **fingerboard** and 2 strings, so it is possible to play melodies on it strumming the strings by right hand, and pressing the strings to the fingerboard by left hand. It is also possible to play on it **with a stick**, this technique reminds the berimbao playing. The instrument should be placed in front of the mouth and modulated like a jaw harp. We sell improved version of the ghost catcher which we modified and developed ourselves. Shipped with a small stick.

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Ghost Catcher is named so because it was used by shamans in Siberia

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for ritual reasons. They believed that the sound of this instrument have a special influence to the insects and ghosts. They was trying to cooperate with the "collective consciousness" of ghosts or insects because people can do many things with their help which they can't do alone. They tell that this is "quiet instrument, because originally it was supposed to be played not for people but for ghosts and insects".

They also used it to "hunt" on ghosts. Kuzhebar people used to believe that they need to eat special kind of ghosts, because human body needs it. They use to classify those ghosts to 3 categories by edibility:

edible, inedible (poor) and poisonous. Only strongest shamans was able to hunt to "poisonous ghosts".

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Ghost Catcher with stick, dark color

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Ghost Catcher with stick, light color

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Sound Sample:

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Sound Sample Strumming + Slap Technique
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Sound Sample Stick Technique (with shaker)
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Sound Sample High Tuned Ghost Catcher
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Video:
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How to play:
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Vendor Information
Customer Reviews: ethnoworld (Sunday, 10 May 2015) Rating:

It's an amazing instrument. It looks simple but you've got many possibilities, you can play with your fingers, a stick, a mediator and use your mouth for modulate the sound. It's amoder kind of mouthbow. Nicolas