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Ghost Catcher - advanced mouth bow with pyrography design

€190.00



Unique Item! Limited edition!

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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 berimbau 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.

Ghost Catcher is named so because it was used by shamans in Siberia for ritual reasons. They believed that the sound of this instrument have a special influence to the insects and ghosts. They were 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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This model of the Ghost Catcher is covered with symbols believed to be a protection by hunting ghosts on two sides of the instrument and presenting a mosquito on its third side.

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