

# Hand flute

The **hand flute**, or **handflute**, is a sort of musical instrument made by the hands. It is also called a 'Hand ocarina' or 'Hand whistle'. To produce sound, one creates a type of chamber with their hands, which they blow into between an opening at the thumbs. There are two main techniques involving the shape of the hand chamber: the "cupped hand" technique and the "interlock" technique.<sup>[1]</sup>

The pitch depends on how the hands are held. If the space between the hands is made smaller or the opening made larger, the pitch becomes higher: the principles are the same with an ocarina or Helmholtz resonator; see vessel flute for details of the acoustics. The best hand flute players in the world have a range between 2.5 to 3 octaves.<sup>[2]</sup>

## See also

- Flute
- Ocarina
- Wolf-whistling
- Whistle register
- Whistled language
- Whistling

## References

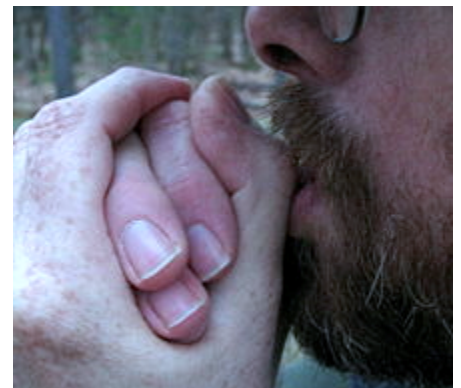
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## External links

- Official site: HandFlute.com (<http://www.handflute.com>)
- Handflute Marathon by several hand flute players on YouTube ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=If9eIDRJ\\_gI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=If9eIDRJ_gI))
- Performance by the group "Childhood" on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qilj2gDzaNI>)
- Performances by Peter Hassell on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/handsplay>)



The air is blown between the thumbs into the hand.



The thumb knuckles are put on the lips.

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