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WHAT'S A DULCIMER?

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Biblical references



- *Daniel 3:5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, **dulcimer**, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up.*



Zithers



The Hummel



The hummel (also hommell or humle) is an old Northern European stringed instrument similar to an older type of zither and is related to the Norwegian langeleik. The name is thought to come from the German word hummel, meaning "bumblebee", referring to the droning sound created by the accompaniment strings.

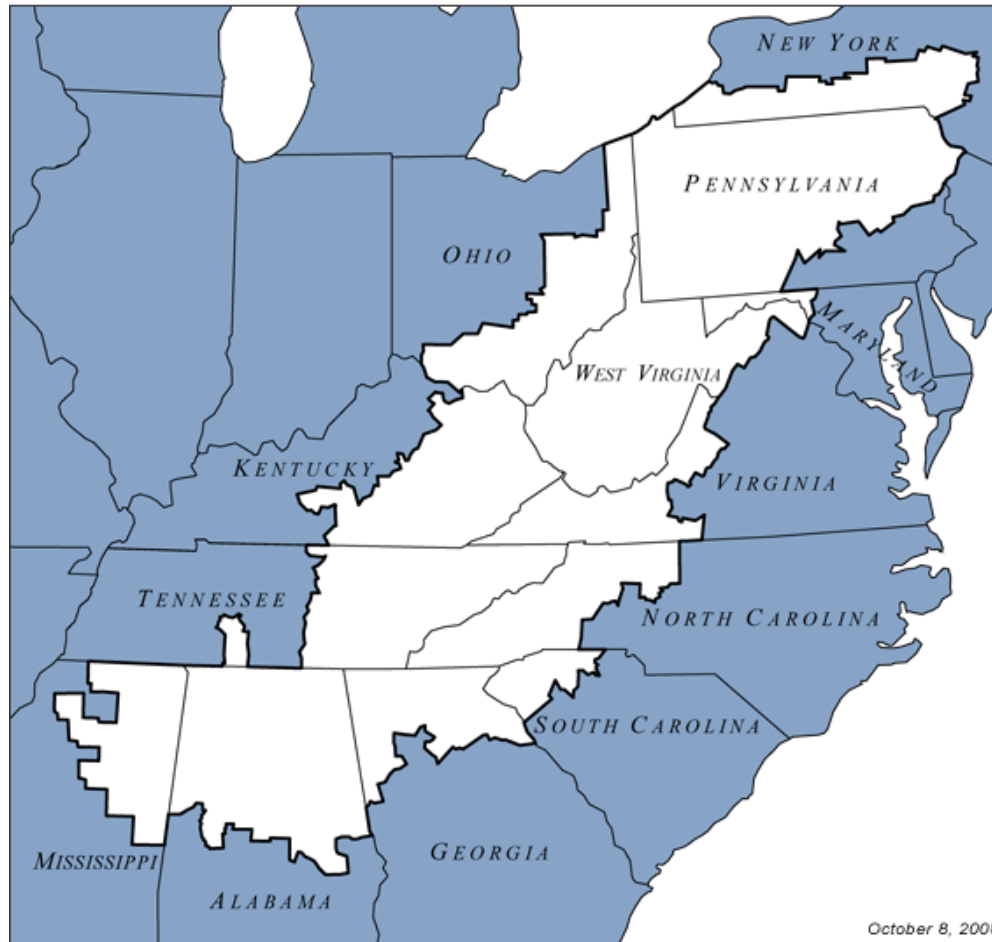
... The hummel is probably from the Middle Ages, when it was found all over Europe in slightly differing variants.



Appalachia



The Appalachian Region



Source: Appalachian Regional Commission

Lap dulcimer resources



- Manufacturers:
 - Richard Troughear (NSW): hand made quality instruments at dulcimers.com.au
 - Apple Creek Dulcimers (eBay, many music shops): cheaper mass-produced instruments
- Online resources:
 - EverythingDulcimer.com (US site, forum, tabs, history, builders)
 - EverythingDulcimer Public Group - Facebook group
 - Search for 'dulcimer tabs' to get links to dozens of sites with free downloadable tunes and songs