

ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENT HISTORY

40,000 BCE

Bone Flutes

The earliest known musical instruments, crafted from bird bones and mammoth ivory, discovered in caves across Europe.

2,500 BCE

Lyres of Ur

Ancient Sumerian string instruments featuring large sound boxes. The first evidence of complex stringed resonance.

1200 - 1400 CE

Lute & Rebec

Medieval precursors to the modern guitar and violin. These instruments utilized gut strings and wooden soundboards.

1550 CE

The Violin Family

Andrea Amati perfects the shape of the modern violin in Cremona, Italy, establishing the standard for orchestral strings.

1700 CE

The Pianoforte

Bartolomeo Cristofori invents the hammer mechanism, allowing for dynamic control of volume unlike the harpsichord.

1830 CE

Modern Classical Guitar

Antonio de Torres Jurado increases body size and introduces fan bracing, creating the modern acoustic guitar profile.

1920 CE

The Resonator

Developed by John Dopyera to increase acoustic volume using spun aluminum cones before electronic amplification.