

TREASURE SEARCH

Zither lineage traced to ancient psaltery



NANCY AND FRANK BOOS

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Can you estimate the value of this zither musical instrument?

A.G.,
Bloomfield Hills

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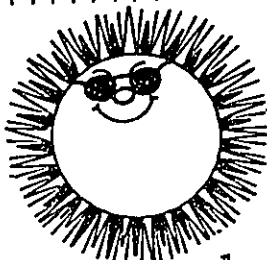
The zither is a modern day version of the 15th century psaltery, which sprang from the santir, a 14th/15th century version of what later became the piano. It falls into the chordophone family of instruments in which sound is made by the vibration of strings. The zither is one of five instruments falling into that group, the other four being the harp, lyre, bow and lute.

The zither is a flat sounding box with strings stretched over it. Five of the

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Noteworthy: The zither has an impeccable lineage.

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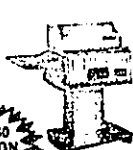
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