



## Antique Xylophone, English, Bronze, Bamboo, Musical Instrument, Victorian, 1900









## **DESCRIPTION**

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This is an antique Harmonicon xylophone. An English, bronze and bamboo framed musical instrument by W.F. Needham of Birmingham, dating to the late Victorian period, circa 1900.

- Striking Chinoiserie taste to the frame, with superb musicality
- Displays a desirable aged patina and in good order
- Bamboo frame shows fine grain interest and rich caramel hues
- Quality bronze note bars present deep golden tones
- $\bullet$  Distinctive show frame boasts strong Chinese taste with geometric forms and brass mounts
  - Six bar scale set at an angle, suspended upon antique leather straps
  - Each note resonates beautifully into a large brass bell adorned with pattern detail
  - Delightfully matched notes create a musical sound with appealing sustain
  - Musical note characters engraved to the centre of each bar
  - Demi-lune brackets atop each bell engraved with maker's marks and individually
  - WF Needham listed as sole licensee of Plant & Derry's Patent No. 5320

## **DIMENSIONS**

Max Width: 62.5cm (24.5") Max Depth: 37cm (14.5") Max Height: 83cm (32.75")

