

Musical Instruments in Mandarin (presumably the same in other Chinese languages too)

English	Mandarin	Gloss
Violin	<i>xiao ti qin</i>	small liftable musical-instrument
Viola	<i>zhong ti qin</i>	medium liftable musical-instrument
Cello	<i>da ti qin</i>	big liftable musical-instrument
Double bass	<i>di yin ti qin</i>	low sound liftable musical-instrument (I mean at what point do you draw the line on liftable really? Also there's a pop song on the double bass titled <i>Comparably bigger big liftable musical-instrument</i> , so.)
Piano	<i>gang qin</i>	steel musical-instrument (Wait, what's steely about piano?)



So this is a *qin*, or *gu qin* (ancient *qin*). You can see how this checks the box of violin and piano. It's a string instrument you play sitting down. If you've heard of *guzheng*, this is a shorter version of that. Here's what Bach sounds like on it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5v40JJ6TO4&ab_channel=%E8%87%AA%E5%BE%97%E7%90%B4%E7%A4%BEZiDeGuqinStudio

Moving on:

English	Mandarin	Gloss
Harp	<i>shu qin</i>	vertical musical-instrument
Guitar	<i>ji ta</i>	Guitar (I know, what a disappointment.)

The wind section:

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Flute	<i>chang di</i>	long flute
Piccolo	<i>duan di</i>	short flute
Recorder	<i>shu di</i>	vertical flute
Clarinet	<i>dan huang guan</i>	single reed pipe
Oboe	<i>shuang huang guan</i>	double reed pipe
Bassoon	<i>da guan</i>	big pipe
Trumpet	<i>xiao hao</i>	small horn (You can see where this is going)
Trombone	<i>chang hao</i>	long horn
French horn	<i>faguo hao</i> <i>yuan hao</i>	French horn round horn
Tuba	<i>da hao</i>	big horn
Saxophone	<i>sakesi (feng)</i>	Saxo (wind)
Cor Anglais	<i>yingguo hao</i>	British horn
Percussions!		
English	Mandarin	Gloss
Xylophone	<i>mu qin</i>	wood musical-instrument
Tambourine	<i>ling gu</i>	bell drum (I guess someone who plays the Tambourine is a <i>ling-guist</i> then.)
Marimba	<i>malimba</i>	Marimba
Snare drum	<i>xiao gu</i>	small drum
Bass drum	<i>da gu</i>	big drum

Cymbal	<i>tong ba</i>	bronze <i>ba</i> (<i>ba</i> is Chinese cymbal. Who's borrowing words from who, am I right?)
Timpani	<i>ding yin gu</i>	fixed sound drum
Maracas	<i>sha chui</i>	sand hammer
Triangle	<i>sanjiao tie</i>	triangle iron

Honorable mentions:

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Grand piano	<i>sanjiao gang qin</i>	triangle steel musical-instrument
Harpsichord	<i>da jian qin</i>	big key musical-instrument
Accordion	<i>shou feng qin</i>	hand wind musical-instrument
Pipe organ	<i>guan feng qin</i>	pipe wind musical-instrument
Bagpipe	<i>feng di</i>	wind flute
Harmonica	<i>kou qin</i>	mouth musical-instrument

Banjo, lyre, lute, ukelele, mandolin, are all just unimaginatively *loan name+qin*.

The theremin is very disappointingly not *electronic hand musical-instrument*, just a loanword.