

# Historical Native American Flute Archives

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The following information was derived from our request to the general public for museums/archives containing historical flutes and from the web sites of those facilities. In several instances we were told that the collections included historic flutes but the web site made no references to these instruments. We have found that the on-line listing of the collections often contain only a small fraction of that institution's holdings.

## US Archives

### Arizona

#### **Arizona State Museum**

The University of Arizona, 1013 E. University Boulevard, P.O. Box 210026, Tuscon, AZ 85721-0026

Diane Dittmore, Ethnological Collections Curator - (520) 621-2079, Rm 216N  
e-mail contact on web site under Contact Us:staff directory

[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

Notes: Data bases are available in-house but are not on web as of Feb 2007

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

#### **Heard Museum**

2301 N. Central Avenue (Central & Encanto) Phoenix, AZ 85004; (602) 252-8848

[www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org)

Notes: Little about collections or access on web site.

Reported by: Tim Archambault

### California

#### **Phoebe A Hearst Museum of Anthropology**

102 Kroeber Hall, Berkeley; Mailing address: 103 Kroeber Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-3712, (510) 642-3682; [pahma@berkeley.edu](mailto:pahma@berkeley.edu)

Natasha Johnson Collections Manager, (510) 642-6840, [johnsonnl@berkeley.edu](mailto:johnsonnl@berkeley.edu)

[http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/exhibitions/ncc/ncc\\_3\\_ceremony.html](http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/exhibitions/ncc/ncc_3_ceremony.html)

Notes: Three California flutes and several whistles listed under California musical instruments See [http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/collections/policies\\_collections.htm](http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/collections/policies_collections.htm) for information about access to collections.

#### **Riverside Metropolitan Museum**

3580 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501; (951) 826-5273

Maggie Wetherbee, Curator of Anthropology; [mwetherbee@riversideca.gov](mailto:mwetherbee@riversideca.gov)

[www.riversideca.gov/museum](http://www.riversideca.gov/museum)

Notes: Began as Cornelius Earle Rumsey Indian Museum. Includes several pre-1910 Diegueño flutes illustrated in *Voices of the Flute: Songs of Three Southern California Indian Nations* by Ernest H. Siva.

Reported by: Steve Bliven

#### **San Diego Museum of Man**

1350 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101; (619) 239-2001

Javier Guerrero, Director of Curatorial Programs and Curator of North American Collections; [jguerro@museumofman.org](mailto:jguerro@museumofman.org); [www.museumofman.org](http://www.museumofman.org)

Notes: A Ute flute from 1978: #1978-68-14.

Reported by: Steve Bliven

## Colorado

### Denver Museum of Nature and Science

2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80205; (303) 322-7009  
Steven Holen, Curator of Archaeology, (303) 370-8261, [steven.holen@dmns.org](mailto:steven.holen@dmns.org)  
[www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

Notes: No mention of flutes on web site

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

### University of Colorado Museum

UCB 218, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309; (303) 492-6892  
[confer@colorado.edu](mailto:confer@colorado.edu)  
[www.cumuseum.colorado.edu/Research/Anthro/](http://www.cumuseum.colorado.edu/Research/Anthro/)

Notes: As of March 2007, the Anthropology Section is in the process of data basing the collections to make them accessible through the museum site. Contact the Collection Manager( [confer@colorado.edu](mailto:confer@colorado.edu) ) for information about items in the collection.

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

## District of Columbia

### Library of Congress, Washington DC - Dayton C. Miller Collection

Carol Lynn Ward Bamford, (202) 707-8451, [cwar@loc.gov](mailto:cwar@loc.gov)  
[www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/dcmhtml/dmhome.html](http://www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/dcmhtml/dmhome.html) Search on "Courting Flute" or "North American" or specific tribe

Reported by: Robert Gatliff, Barry Higgins, Steve Bliven

### Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC

Department of Anthropology, Museum Support Center, 4210 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746 (301) 238-1340  
David Rosenthal, Assistant Collections Manager for Ethnology-Archaeology, [rosenthd@si.edu](mailto:rosenthd@si.edu)

Notes: Based on Russel Wolf CD of photographs, there are at least 40 instruments in the collection. Information on visiting the collections is provided at

[www.nmnh.si.edu/anthro/cm/index.htm#visiting](http://www.nmnh.si.edu/anthro/cm/index.htm#visiting)

Reported by: Kevin Locke

## Illinois

### Field Museum,

1400 S. Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL 60605-2496, (312) 922-9410

Jonathan Haas, [haas@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:haas@fieldmuseum.org)

[www.fm1.fieldmuseum.org/collections/search.cgi?dest=martin&action=form](http://www.fm1.fieldmuseum.org/collections/search.cgi?dest=martin&action=form)

Notes: Limited search capabilities show 5 flutes, although the collections hold many more than that.

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

## Kansas

### Thurlow Lieurance Collection,

Wichita State Univ.

Notes: 12 flutes remaining from Lieurance collection. Restored to playable condition by Dr. Payne. See book by Betty Hensley

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

## Maryland

### National Museum of the American Indian, Cultural Resources Center

4220 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 238-1435

Pat Nietfeld, Collections Manager (301) 238-1454.

[www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=collections&second=collections](http://www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=collections&second=collections)

Notes: Data base of collection for web site in preparation.

Reported by: Tim Archambault

## Massachusetts

### Museum of Fine Art

100 Huntington Ave., Boston 02116, (617) 369-6500

Darcy Kuronen, Curator of Musical Instruments, (617) 369-3341, [DKuronen@mfa.org](mailto:DKuronen@mfa.org)

[www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

Notes: On home page select "Musical Instruments" under "Collections", on the Musical Instruments page, select "Native North American Musical Instruments" under "Non-Western Instruments by Region". Found eight flutes and numerous whistles.

Reported by: Robert Gatliff, Barry Higgins, Steve Bliven

### Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology

Harvard University, 11 Divinity Ave, Cambridge, MA

(617) 496-1027, [pmresrch@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:pmresrch@fas.harvard.edu)

[www.peabody.harvard.edu/col/enterTerm.cfm](http://www.peabody.harvard.edu/col/enterTerm.cfm)

Notes: To search on-line collection, select "On-line Features" on home page; "Search the Collections"; "Perform a Search" on "What"; Search on Flute and refine to North America. Approximately 30 entries. Collections information and researcher inquiries (617) 496-1027, [pmresrch@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:pmresrch@fas.harvard.edu) At least three weeks' advance notice is required for appointments.

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

## New Hampshire

### Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum

Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner, NH (603) 456-3244; mailing: P.O. Box 142 Warner, NH 03278. [mkim@conknet.com](mailto:mkim@conknet.com) ; [www.indianmuseum.org](http://www.indianmuseum.org)

Notes: Several flutes on display, most contemporary but one "old" flute with rawhide covering and bullet case mouthpiece.

Reported by: Barry Higgins, Steve Bliven

## New Jersey

### Newark Museum

49 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102-3176; (973) 596-6550

[www.newarkmuseum.org](http://www.newarkmuseum.org)

Notes: At least one flute in collection; Blackfoot #62.57.

Reported by: Steve Bliven

## New York

### American Museum of Natural History

Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024-5192

Peter Whiteley, Curator of North American Ethnology, [whiteley@amnh.org](mailto:whiteley@amnh.org)

(212) 496-3496

[www.anthro.amnh.org/anthro.html](http://www.anthro.amnh.org/anthro.html)

Notes: Click on "North American Ethnographic Collection". Search in "Object Name" for "Flute" Approximately 75 instruments. Research access policy is also on web page listed above.

Reported by: Robert Gatliff, Tim Archambault

## Heye Center of the National Museum of the American Indian

Heye Center, 1 Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004; (212) 514-3700  
Pat Nietfeld, Collections Manager (301) 238-1454.  
[www.nmai.si.edu](http://www.nmai.si.edu)

Notes: This museum has been incorporated into the National Museum of the American Indian (see above) with most of former collection located in Suitland, MD  
Reported by: Oliver Jones

#### **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

1000 Fifth Avenue at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10028-0198; (212) 535-7710  
[www.metmuseum.org/Works\\_of\\_art/department.asp?dep=18](http://www.metmuseum.org/Works_of_art/department.asp?dep=18)

Notes: None shown of web site. However, several flutes on display acquired in 1889 including Iroquois, Apache, Lakota, Ojibway, Papago and others from the 1906 period in archives.

#### **Rhode Island**

##### **Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology**

Brown University, 300 Tower Street, Bristol, RI 02809; (401) 253-8388  
Thierry Gentis, Associate Curator; [Thierry\\_Gentis@brown.edu](mailto:Thierry_Gentis@brown.edu)  
[www.brown.edu/Facilities/Haffenreffer/](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/Haffenreffer/)

Notes: Collection contains a single flute; a Kiowa instrument dated between 1875–1910. Flute described as having seven finger holes. Photo and description of flute in *Hau Kola: The Plains Indian Collection of the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology* by Barbara Hall.  
Reported by: Steve Bliven

#### **South Dakota**

##### **Buechel Memorial Lakota Museum**

350 South Oak Street, Box 499, Saint Francis, SD 57572  
Michael Marshall, Museum Director: Contact St. Francis Mission Administration, Phone (605) 747-2361, Email: [museum@gwtc.net](mailto:museum@gwtc.net)  
[www.sfmission.org/museum](http://www.sfmission.org/museum)

Notes: Nine flutes in data base on web site. Information about research guidelines is found on [www.usd.edu/smm/research.html](http://www.usd.edu/smm/research.html)  
Reported by: Robert Gatliff, Kevin Locke

##### **National Music Museum**

The University of South Dakota, 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, SC 57069  
[www.usd.edu/smm/AmericanIndigenous/Checklist.html](http://www.usd.edu/smm/AmericanIndigenous/Checklist.html)

Notes: Nine flutes in data base on web site. Information about research guidelines is found on [www.usd.edu/smm/research.html](http://www.usd.edu/smm/research.html)  
Reported by: Steve Bliven

#### **Utah**

##### **College of Eastern Utah Museum**

5 East Main Street, Price, Utah Mailing Address: 451 East 400 North-Price, Utah 84501  
(435) 613-5060  
[www.museum.ceu.edu/](http://www.museum.ceu.edu/)

Notes: No mention of flutes on web site  
Reported by: Robert Gatliff

#### **Wyoming**

##### **Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Plains Indian Museum**

720 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY 82414; (307) 587-4771  
Emma Hansen, Curator, Plains Indian Museum (307) 578-4052, [emmah@bbhc.org](mailto:emmah@bbhc.org)  
[www.bbhc.org/pim/index.cfm](http://www.bbhc.org/pim/index.cfm)

Notes: Search Online Collections for "flute" . Three are shown in online collections, all dated ca 1890.

### **Colter Bay Visitor Center and Indian Arts Museum**

Grand Teton National Park, P.O. Drawer 170, Moose WY; (307) 739-3494

Alice M. Hart, Curator; [Alice\\_Hart@nps.gov](mailto:Alice_Hart@nps.gov)

[www.nps.gov/archive/grte/pphtml/facilities.html](http://www.nps.gov/archive/grte/pphtml/facilities.html)

Notes: No discussion of flutes on web site. Facility open only in summer season. Houses some of the David T. Vernon Collection of American Indian artifacts, including 5–7 flutes.

Reported by: George Penedo

## **Outside US Archives**

### **Austria**

**Museum für Völkerkunde, Wien**, Nueu Burg, A1010 Wien, Tel; +43-1-534-30-0

Vienna, Austria

[www.ethno-museum.ac.at](http://www.ethno-museum.ac.at)

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

### **Canada**

#### **Canadian Museum of Civilization**

100 Laurier Street; P.O. Box 3100 Station B, Gatineau, Quebec, J8X 4H2, Canada

[artifacts@civilizations.ca](mailto:artifacts@civilizations.ca)

<http://collections.civilization.ca/public/pages/cmccuublic/emupublic/Query.php?lang=0>

Notes: Approximately 10 Native American flutes shown in listing

Reported by: Tim Archambault

#### **Glenbow Museum**

130 — 9 Avenue S.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2G 0P3 (403) 268-4100

Camille Owens, Native North America Department, [cultures@glenbow.org](mailto:cultures@glenbow.org)

(403) 268-4179

<http://ww2.glenbow.org/search/collectionsSearch.aspx>

Notes: Presently no flutes mentioned on web site

Reported by: Tim Archambault

#### **McCord Museum of Canadian History**

690 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1E9, Canada (514) 398-7100

Christian Vachon, Head, Collections Management

[www.mccord-museum.qc.ca](http://www.mccord-museum.qc.ca)

Notes: One Iroquois flute found in on-line collection search. Appears to be missing bird.

Reported by: Tim Archambault

#### **Royal Ontario Museum**

100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C6, Canada

Arni Brownstone, Assistant Curator, NA Indians, [worldcultures@rom.on.ca](mailto:worldcultures@rom.on.ca)

(416) 586-8000

[www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)

Notes: No mention of flutes on web site.

Reported by: Tim Archambault

#### **Woodland Cultural Centre Museum**

P.O. Box 1506, 184 Mohawk Street, Brantford ON, N3T 5V6 Canada (519)759-2650

Notes: No discussion of flutes on site.

Reported by: Tim Archambault

## Denmark

### **National Museum; The Danish Music Museum**

Abenra 30, DK-1124, Copenhagen, K; Tel: (+45) 33 11 27 26

[www.nationalmuseet.dk](http://www.nationalmuseet.dk)

Notes: Search option (Søg) is in Danish.

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

## Germany

### **Linden-Museum Stuttgart, Staatliches Museum für Völkerkunde,**

(State Museum for Ethnology), Hegelplatz 1 D-70174 Stuttgart / Germany

Tel. ++49-(0)711/2022-3

Dr. Sonja Schierle, Curator, phone: ++49-(0)711-2022-555, [schierle@lindenmuseum.de](mailto:schierle@lindenmuseum.de)

[www.lindenmuseum.de/html/english/home/home.php](http://www.lindenmuseum.de/html/english/home/home.php)

Notes: Search collections option is in German

### **Städelsches Kunstinstitut und Städtische Galerie,**

Dürerstr. 2, 60596 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

[www.staedelmuseum.de/](http://www.staedelmuseum.de/)

Reported by: Tim Archambault

## Italy

### **Museo Civico di Scienze Naturali**

"E. Caffi", piazza Cittadella, 10 – 24129 Bergamo, Italy

[infomuseoscienze@comune.bg.it](mailto:infomuseoscienze@comune.bg.it)

<http://museoscienze.comune.bergamo.it>

Notes: Contains a collection of American Indian artifacts collected by Giacomo Constantino Beltrami who explored the upper reaches of the Mississippi River in 1823, including a Sioux "fish head" flute that may be the oldest known Native American flute with an external windway. Photo of flute is in *Plains Indian Sculpture* by John C. Ewers.

Reported by: Tim Crawford, Robert Gatliff

## Sweden

### **Göteborg Konstmuseum (Museum of Art)**

Götaplatsen/Avenyn , 412 56 Göteborg Sweden phone + 46 31-61 29 80

[info@konstmuseum.goteborg.se](mailto:info@konstmuseum.goteborg.se)

Notes: Search collections option is in Swedish.

Reported by: Robert Gatliff

**Other sources of photographs of historic flutes include Oliver Jones' website at [www.wildhorsemtflutes.com](http://www.wildhorsemtflutes.com), Russell Wolf's CD collection of photographs of flutes from the Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress and Doc Payne's collection.**

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