

Japanese Koto Concert

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The **koto** is a traditional Japanese stringed musical instrument derived from the Chinese *guzheng*. The **koto** is the national instrument of Japan. **Koto** is about 180 centimeters (71 in) width, and made from *kiri* wood (*Paulownia tomentosa*). They have 13 strings that are strung over 13 movable bridges along the width of the instrument. Players can adjust the string pitches by moving these bridges before playing, and use three finger picks (on thumb, index finger, and middle finger) to pluck the strings. If you want to know more about Koto, please visit at <http://www.kotonokoto.org/>



Friday 12th March 2010 **7:00PM-9:00PM** Admission £2

*"Doors open at 6.30 and concert starts at **7:00** promptly"*

Everybody is welcome!