

# The Ocarina part 2

When was the modern ocarina created?

In 1853, 17-year-old Guiseppi Donati from Bologna, Italy created the modern-day ocarina. He gave it the name ocarina which means "little goose".

Ocarina – further developments.

In 1963, Englishman John Taylor, a 23-year-old drop out from the Royal Academy of Music, developed a fingering system that allowed a 4-hole ocarina to play a full chromatic octave (12 notes). This gave performers a greater flexibility as they could now access a wider range of notes resulting in a wider range of melodies.

How many notes can an ocarina play at the one time?

Most ocarinas only play one note at a time. However, some multi-chamber ocarinas can play more than one note at the same time.

Which games and films do the ocarina feature in?

The ocarina features prominently in the "Nintendo 64 games" and "The legend of Zelda" Plus in films: "The hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings".



FACT: In 2008 over 500,000 ocarina iPhone apps were purchased. This amazing top selling app transforms the iPhone into a fully functional 4-hole ocarina.

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1. Who created the modern-day ocarina and when was it invented? (2)
2. How old was Guiseppi Donati when he created the modern ocarina?
3. Which country did Guiseppi Donati come from?
4. What does ocarina mean?
5. How many notes can a normal ocarina play at the one time?
6. What kind of ocarina can play more than one note at a time?
7. Who developed the ocarina so a 4-hole ocarina could play 12 notes?