

## What is a Santoor?

- The santoor (pronounced *san-tour*) is a stringed instrument a bit like a harp or a harpsichord.
- It has between 70 and 100 strings and a musical range of over 3 octaves.
- The strings are fixed to the left side of the instrument and they are tuned by turning metal pegs on the right with a key.
- The strings are in groups, and each group is stretched over a movable hard wood bridge.



Kiranpal Singh playing santoor at Thornden School in Chandlers Ford

- The player strikes the strings with two light sticks. These are called *mezrab* (pronounced *mez –rahb*)