

What is a Sarangi?

- The sarangi (pronounced *sa-ran-gee*) is a string instrument from India, Nepal and Pakistan.
- It has three to four main playing strings and about a dozen smaller strings that vibrate and make a sound when the main strings are played.
- It is played with a bow and is an extremely difficult instrument.
- Many people think the sarangi sounds like a human voice



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- The word sarangi is derived from two Hindi words:

- 1) *sau* (meaning 'one hundred')
- 2) *rang* (meaning 'colour').

This is because the sound of the sarangi is said to be as expressive as a hundred colours.

