

THE ALPHHORN (BUCIUMUL/ TULNICUL)



This instrument is a type of alphorn. In Romania, is a traditional musical instrument, used mainly by the Romanian sheperds in the mountains. Already present among the Dacians and Romans, it was used in the past in Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia as a signaling tool in military conflicts. The word is derived from the Latin word *buccinum*, meaning the horn is folded.

The tube is made from wood, or even (partially) from metal. It is mostly used by shepherds for signaling and communication in the forested mountains, as well as for guiding sheep and dogs.

