

**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE
DEPARTEMENT VAN KUNS EN KULTUUR**

No. 856**23 July 2004****SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY****DECLARATION OF THE KIRBY COLLECTION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS HOUSED AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN**

In terms of Section 32 of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999, the South African Heritage Resources Agency, hereby declares the Kirby Collection of Musical instruments that is currently housed at the University of Cape Town, to be a heritage object.

DESCRIPTION:

The collection is fully described in the Kirby Collection Catalogue housed at the SAHRA Offices and the Department of Music at the University of Cape Town.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Percival R Kirby Collection consists of musical instruments, the majority of which were used in Southern Africa prior to 1934. The collection includes instruments made and played by indigenous Southern African peoples as well as a smaller collection of instruments from Western Europe and some from Asia for comparative purposes.
