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The Oja flute usually has six holes, which are covered by the player's fingers to produce different notes. It plays in a pentatonic scale, which is a five-note scale commonly used in African music.

The Oja flute is often played during traditional Igbo ceremonies, such as weddings, coronations, and harvest festivals. It is also used to accompany storytelling, with the musician playing melodies that complement the story being told. Oja is considered a solemn flute when it is played in critical times and is usually used to announce the death of a man of valour.

The Oja flute is not just a musical instrument, it is a flute of the spirit which produces a melody that communicates with the soul, through its player, the Ogbu-oja.

The Oja flute is still played till this day and is still a recipe for a good traditional ceremony in Ala Igbo.

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