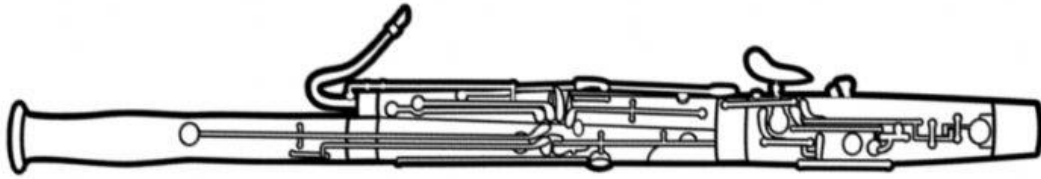


The Bassoon



The bassoon is a member of the woodwind family. The name “bassoon” is defined as a “bundle of sticks.” It’s a large instrument with a mouthpiece called a “double reed.” The double reed is made of two pieces of wood, which are wrapped together with silk thread. In the orchestra a bassoon player sometimes plays an even bigger sized bassoon called the “contra-bassoon.” The contra-bassoon can produce the lowest sounds in the entire orchestra. There are usually several bassoons in a large symphony orchestra.

- 1. What does the term “bassoon” mean?**
- 2. What is the mouthpiece of the bassoon called?**
- 3. What name is given to the bassoon that can produce the lowest sound in the entire orchestra?**
- 4. Is the contra-bassoon bigger or smaller than the bassoon?**