



Contra-bassophon

Date

1880 ca.

Primary Maker

William G. Schultze

Description

Instrument made of black-stained wood (aspen, cottonwood or poplar, with first section of birch). Brass (nickel- or silver-plated) ferrules and keywork. 17 keys with cupped covers and stuffed pads. Brass bocal. This seems to be the only known contra-bassophon not attributed to a specific European maker. The instrument is handmade rather than a factory product, and could be a prototype. Research surrounding William G. Schulze (born Wilhelm Schultze) suggests that this instrument might have been made earlier in Germany, and may be connected with Haseneier's contrabassophon invention.

Dimensions

Overall length: 1390 mm Approximate: Length from top of bell to bottom of floor peg: 1680 mm Width 260 mm Depth with bocal and reed: 345 mm