

## Alto recorder, F

### Date

1698-1711 ca.

### Primary Maker

Johann Benedikt Gahn

### Description

Three sections, boxwood, ornately carved, the headjoint as an anthropomorphic fish head with human eyes, foliate patterns, the foot joint also with foliate patterns, thumbhole and six fingerholes on the main joint, one fingerhole on the foot joint. At the age of 14, Gahn (b. 1674) began an apprenticeship in the workshop of wood turner Franz Zick. In 1698, he was granted the master's right and worked as such until his death from consumption in 1711. Based on surviving examples of his work, it could be suggested that he primarily made recorders and oboes. Although Gahn was a master flute maker and turner, it is believed that the fine ornamental carving was executed by specialist craftsman.

### Dimensions

Overall length: 505 mm Sounding length: 438 mm



