

Basic Detail Report



Circular alphorn, G-sharp, A-flat

Date

1990 ca.

Primary Maker

Josef Stocker

Description

Black plastic tubing, coiled multiple times, conifer bell, rattan cover. Josef Stocker (b. 1941) had built the Stubenhorn or Rollhorn in coiled form since 1977, but discontinued it in the early 1990s. It was officially introduced by the Vereinigung zur Förderung des Alphorns (Association for the promotion of the alphorn) in October 1977, and enjoyed some popularity as a convenient indoor instrument. The name Rollhorn refers to the coiled shape; the term Stubenhorn (chamber horn) is also used and indicates that it was designed for indoor playing. The idea to roll-up an alphorn goes back to the sixteenth century. An example of a wooden bark-covered horn of that age from southern Germany survives at the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna.

Dimensions

Height: 685 mm Tube length: ca. 6660 mm Bore diameter (initial): 15.7 mm Bell diameter (internal): ca. 68 mm