

Basic Detail Report



Curved cornetto

Date

1700 ca.

Description

Lowest note with all fingerholes closed: a One-piece walnut, turned straight and then bent, no leather cover; brass ferrule at top end with engraved lines; curved to the right; octagonal, no diamonds; six fingerholes, no thumbhole. This cornetto, being made of one piece rather than two leather-covered halves, stands in a long tradition of cornetto making in German speaking countries; the brass ferrule at the mouthpiece receiver is a feature found in cornetti from Germany. The lack of diamond carvings hint at German origin as well, also indicating a later period of manufacture, possibly as late as the eighteenth century. The lack of a thumbhole, on the other hand, is a characteristic mentioned by the French seventeenth-century scholar Marin Mersenne's (*Harmonie Universelle*, Paris 1636/37). German or French provenance from the

late seventeenth or early eighteenth century is therefore possible.

Dimensions

Height: 575 mm Tube length: 580 mm Bore diameter (initial, minimum): 9.3 mm, 7.5 mm Bell diameter (internal): 25.4 mm Fingerhole position (from receiver): 237 mm, 277 mm, 315 mm, 383 mm, 422 mm, 461 mm Hole diameter range: 7.6-7.8 mm