

Simiot, Jacques-François, 9 key bassoon; Simiot3-O-Watel236

Complete Project Title: Simiot3-O-Watel236-Wg1-WOB-DNM

Jacques-François Simiot, Lyon (1769-1844)

Watel states that it is an excellent "à la lyonnaise" bassoon; c.1820

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Location: Watel Collection, France

Measured 29 Aug 2016, 27 Feb 2024

9 Key: Ab (on large bore, verified), two wing keys, low Eb for left thumb;

F# for right thumb, low C key touch, **one tuning slide, U-tube**

No; Shallow tail F key or normal

No; Two-piece saddles

No; Two-hole boot joint; verified, see bore photos

No; Military bell

No; Bell flare

Yes; Bell crown; A bell ring, not really a crown

No; Bell chamber

No; Tone hole on bell

Yes; Platform on long joint

Dated; No

Notes: 1. Basn. made of fruitwood, many worm holes

2. All keys in Simiot saddle system

3. All finger holes show a great deal of wear

4. **A U-tube**, so hook length same as boot length

5. A slide system to attach U-tube, unlike Simiot2 with long screw system

6. The Wing receiver ferrule is stuck in boot socket.

7. **One tuning slide**; pump seized at 10.3mm of extension, could be where it was played

8. Missing the touches of the two wing keys

9. Wing joint bocal receiver (replaced) with white ivory liner

10. Generally a short basn. Could be a 440Hz

11. Low Eb, low D [under low C flap] tone holes surfaces rounded, all other tone holes flat

12. Simiot3 bell almost cylindrical

Standing Height; Bell, long joint, boot	126.2cm verified
Measured with boot cap off	
Wing and boot	85.2cm
	[Bocal receiver ferrule stuck in boot socket]
	[Pump seized pulled out 10.3 mm]

Stamps on all joints [Wing, boot, long joint and bell]

Measurements not included on Data file

Ab tone hole [on large bore]	9.3mm diameter 348mm from boot socket Drilled over large boot bore 19.0mm length
F# tone hole	8.8mm diameter 220mm from boot socket Drilled over to large boot bore 18.3mm length
Low Eb [on large bore]	11.0mm diameter 173mm from small long joint tenon 5.3mm length
Undercutting on long joint	Yes, a great deal on long joint
Boot joint small socket depth	48.7
Boot joint large socket depth	49.4mm
Cronin Meas.	339mm verified [could measure]
Wing thickness across E [II] tone hole	46.4mm
Maximum thickness of boot at C [IV] tone hole	47.7mm