



Playing the Bassoon

Age Range:	Late Elementary, Middle School
About:	Students will be introduced to the bassoon
Total Video Time:	1:25 (lesson only); 4:56 (with extension)

INTRODUCTION

Meet bassoonist Emma Plehal! She will tell you about her instrument and why she chose to play it.

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FUN FACTS

- The bassoon is a woodwind instrument and uses a double reed.
- The bassoon is a long wooden tube folded over. If you unfolded it, it would be about 8 feet long! The part where it's folded over (at the bottom) is called a U-Tube.
- Thumbs are very important for bassoon players! There are many keys on the back of the instrument just for thumbs.

LISTEN and WATCH

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