

Contrabassoon, Woodwind Instrument

The three branches of the **woodwind family** have different sources of sound. Vibrations begin when air is blown across the top of an instrument, across a single reed, or across two reeds. Reeds are small pieces of cane. Two reeds tied together are commonly known as a double reed. This double reed fits into a tube at the top of the instrument and vibrates when air is forced between the two reeds.

The **contrabassoon** is another double-reed instrument in the woodwind family. It is the much larger brother of the **bassoon**, and its sound is much deeper.

