

Stolen Oboes and Bassoons

This is our continuing list of known stolen oboes and bassoons. It is hoped that the listing of these instruments, along with particulars leading to their disappearance, might be of assistance in their eventual recovery and return to their original owners, as well as serving as a source for identifying suspected contraband instruments. If there is some way the Society can further discourage the theft of so vital a tool to the performing artist, further suggestions are encouraged from the readers.

Please add to (and hopefully, delete from) the list by writing to the oboe and bassoon editors. The list will be printed in all future issues of the publications. Please include as much information as you can pertinent to the instrument (distinguishing characteristics, special keyword, etc.) and to its theft (where, when, etc.).

- Puchner bassoon, serial number 8501 (1976), stolen from Albrecht Holder, Lindpaintner strasse 81, 7000 Stuttgart, Germany, in Copenhagen, Denmark, when the Stuttgart Philharmonic Orchestra was on tour.
- Loree oboe, serial number EM67; stolen March, 1983, in Wichita, Kansas (Wichita State University Campus), from Susan D. Laney, 612 E. Boone St., Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464, Tel.: (918) 456-2298; stolen while attending Wichita State University.
- Heckel bassoon, serial number 11953, stolen from Nusio Kato, of the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Geneva, at Carnegie Hall.
- Heckel bassoon, serial number 7465, stolen from Martin Gatt, A4, 2/F Jade Beach Villa, 3-7, Horizon Drive, Chung Hom Kok, Hong Kong.
- Oboe: Loree, serial number AY28. Stolen December 12, 1987 in New York City at 9th and Broadway. Contact Ernest Meyer, 7916 Burholme Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. (Tel.: 215-725-3249).
- Marigaux oboe, serial number 15552, stolen February 23, 1988 in Philadelphia (Temple University campus), from Lesley Boggia, 1224 West Chester Pike, C-8, West Chester, PA 19382. Tel. (215) 436-4901.
- Lorée oboe, serial number ER 08, stolen March 2 from the Tobey-Kendall dining hall, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado. Contact Benham Ignacio at 10913 Bannock Street, Northglenn, CO 80234. (303) 452-7832, or at 3044 West Logan, Chicago, IL 60647. (312) 252-2963.
- Bassoon: Fox model 101, serial number 8874, stolen March 7th 1988, from the home of Michael and Lori Garvey, 854-48th Ave., San Francisco, CA. Please contact Michael or Lori Garvey, 542 Center Ave., Martinez, CA 94553. Tel.: (925) 370-6272.
- Oboe: F Loree, serial no. DD89. If found or recovered contact Marianne Ingels, 2310 Revenwood, Norman, OK 73071. Tel.: (405) 321-1008.
- Loree English horn, serial no. GL-28. Stolen in Kingston, Ontario, July 20, 1989. Contact Etienne de Medicis, 428 Dufferin, Sherbrooke, Ont. J1H 4M8 Canada. Tel.: (819) 346-2093.
- Heckel bassoon, serial number 10800, stolen from Martin Hoffer, P.O. Box 111633, Anchorage, Alaska 99511, Tel.: (907) 346-2572.
- Bassoon: Fox Renard Model 220, Serial #14f993. Stolen from the York High School band area locker rooms on Friday, February 23, 1990. If found contact Kenneth Potsic, 444 Rex, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Tel.: (708) 832-6782.
- Oboe: Fox model 300, serial number 4098. Stolen in Osaka Japan on November 1, 1987. In a french style case and a Jean Cavallaro case cover. Please contact Mike Morgenstern, 10777 Bill Point Crest, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, USA. Tel.: (206) 842-1155.
- Oboe: Lorée, serial number FV56. Stolen August 27, 1989 in Westwood, LA near UCLA. Contact Michele Forrest, 1725 Camino Palmero, #322, Hollywood, CA 90046. Tel.: (213) 969-8205.
- Heckelphone: Serial #3283. Stolen in Detroit, MI, July 7, 1983. Contact Frederic Dutton, 19553 Gault St., Reseda, CA 91335-3624. Tel.: (818) 344-2513.
- Stolen: Oboe: Lorée: Serial IA06, an AK model. Stolen in NYC on October 2, 1991. If found contact Robert Walters (215) 748-7354.
- Püchner Bassoon, No. 7590. Stolen from the Secondary School of Music (Hittfeldska Gymnasiet), Gothenburg, Sweden, 30th of August, 1989. When the bottom cap on the butt-joint is removed, a mended crack can be felt (and seen) in the larger bore. If found, please contact Rebecca Ekenberg, Nordhemsg.45 C, S-413 06, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Oboe: F. Gillet, serial # C42. The case is from a *Rigoutat* oboe. English Horn: Marigaux, serial #4697. Stolen July 22, 1991 in Foster City (San Francisco peninsula). Please contact Rich Washington at (415) 493-2056 or (415) 725-3859 with any information.
- Stolen: Oboe - Lorée: Serial # HQ93, Tabuteau Model. Also, Korg tuner and 15-reed case. Stolen April 20, 1992, in Durham, NC. Contact: Bo Newsome, 122 E. Seeman St., Apt. A, Durham, NC 27701; Tel.: 919-688-2298.
- Stolen: Wooden oboe - Lorée serial # GY 23 from NYC apartment. Reward offered. Call 212-689-3083.
- Lorée oboe #DY27, stolen from a San Jose, California-bound Greyhound bus in December, 1982. Purchased from Pat McFarland in June, 1980. Reward for return. Contact SSG David L. Wheeler, PSC-457, Ft. McPherson, GA 30330.
- Loree oboe #JS96 stolen on October 2, 1992 in Tucson, Arizona. Please contact Alyssa Tomoff, 544 Glenwood, Prescott, Arizona 86303. Telephone: 602-778-2626.
- Püchner Bassoon: Student model serial #6201, stolen from Lionel Hampton School of Music, University of Idaho, in the Spring, 1991. Reward. Contact: Richard Hahn, Director; L.H. School of Music; University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843. Tel: (208) 885-6231; FAX: (208) 885-8964.
- Lorée oboe (serial #DG66). Stolen last winter between Dec. 15, 1991 and Jan. 14, 1992 from a locked school locker at Williamette University, Salem, OR. Any information should go to: Robert or Joanne Wigus, 28060 Farnhill Dr., Hayward, CA 94542, (510) 889-6176.
- Rigoutat oboe, serial number 598AJ; stolen on June 8, 1993 in Prague, Czech Republic. Please contact Pirkka Sipila, Juhaninv. 2, SF-60150 SEINAJOKI FINLAND. Tel. + 64 4121 242. Reward for return.
- Laubin English Horn #1057. Stolen from Sue Goff with Loree Oboe CF 37. Contact A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Rosewood Laubin Oboe #1482. Stolen from David Woolsey in New York City with Loree Oboe BP 24 - circa 1970. Contact A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Laubin Oboe #1465 and Laubin EBH #C42 - from Jessica Murrow. 212-663-9042 or A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Rosewood Laubin Oboe #1405. Stolen from Josh Siegel, 914-858-8526 or A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Barre Oboe #522. Stolen from Judy Rabinovitz. Contact A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Laubin Oboe #1546. Stolen from Jonathan Darnell, 914-834-9354 or A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Laubin Oboe #1651. Stolen from Matthew Dine - November, 1988, 914-793-9383 or A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Laubin Oboe, #1494. Stolen from Alice Monego. Contact A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Barre Oboe #7404. Stolen from Joan McDonald, April, 1989, 203-259-0342 or A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Laubin Oboe #1366. Stolen from McDuff Sheehy, April, 1990, from dorm room Brown University, 914-763-5158 or A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Laubin English Horn #966. Stolen from University of Texas at Austin, Feb. 1991. Contact A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566-2007.
- Heckel Bassoon, serial #9266, stolen in San Francisco, September, 1964, from Bob Zimmerman. If found contact him at P.O. Box 1182, Chemalis, WA 98532.
- Fox Bassoon, Model 1, Serial #12966 with case, black leather cover and Fox 2 cvx and 3 cvx bocals. Stolen from Heather N. Schneider at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. If found, please contact Heather N. Schneider at (410) 761-7078 or (301) 314-3079.
- Lorée English Horn serial #DC 48; purchased on June 17, 1974 from Claude Reynolds, Dallas. It was stolen from the music department office in late July, 1993, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana. Please contact Lorna Nelson, Music Dept., MSU, Bozeman, MT 59717. The EH was the property of MSU MUSIC #053756.

40. Rigoutat Oboe, French conservatoire system (with third octave). No. 433 AD. Stolen in Paris between February 12 and 19, 1994 from Katrin Steinke, Am Hoelzle 50, D-78628 Rottwell/GERMANY. Tel. +49741/15960.
41. Oboe: Springer-Pfaffenhofen No. 9283. Stolen in Joensuu, Finland, from Keijo Aho. Contact at Mäntylantie 274 FIN-82210 Suhmura. Tel. 358-73-749227.
42. Heckel Bassoon, Serial #5712 w/French Key System ("World System"). Stolen in St. Paul, Minnesota on April 10, 1994. Reward for return. Contact St. Paul Police (612) 292-3748, complaint #94-045-489 or Mary Banti at 15194 75th Ave. No., Maple Grove, MN 55311, Tel. 612-420-9803.
43. Fox (RENARD) 222 serial #16187, September, 1994, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Any information contact B. Finch, 33274 Whidden Ave., Mission, B.C. V2V 2T2 (604) 826-6285.
44. Lorée oboe, serial number HV96, stolen in Irving, Texas, September 1994. Contact Dan Gelber, Band Director, Lamar Junior High School, Irving, TX. Phone: (214) 986-9155.
45. Lorée oboe, serial number HL78, stolen September 16, 1994, near NCSU campus in Raleigh, NC. Contact Carolyn I. Shull, 8512 Southbriar Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-9618. Phone: (919) 851-5471.
46. Lorée oboe, serial number LC45, stolen September 16, 1994, near NCSU campus in Raleigh, NC. Contact Carolyn I. Shull, 8512 Southbriar Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-9618. Phone: (919) 851-5471.
47. Two Fox Renard oboes, serial numbers 4194 and 5567, stolen from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, in January, 1994. They also had USF decals with numbers 160352 and 175651 respectively. If found, please contact Nancy Warfield at (813) 974-2311
48. Lorée oboe, serial # GJ22 - thumb plate modified to a Conservatoire System, entire body of high intensity plastic. Stolen in Calgary, Alberta on November 23rd, 1994. Send any information on its whereabouts to Mr. Richard H. Lea, #24-2323 Oakmoor Drive SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2V 4T2.
49. Fox Bassoon: Model 220, Serial Number 12910, stolen on Jan. 4 1995. Contact Dr. Nicholas J. Contorno, Director of Bands and Orchestra, Marquette University, Varsity Theatre, 1324 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Tel. (414) 288-7476.
50. Bassoon: Gebruder Monnig serial #11377 (University of Delaware tag 120489) missing from the campus of the University of Delaware since 1990.
51. Fossati Tiery oboe, serial #1452, in a black "Orly" case, with accessories, stolen July 6, 1995 from City Centre, Manchester, England. Please direct any information to Joseph Nagy, 4 Kirkup St., Bay Shore, NY 11706-6900. Tel. (516) 665-5946.
52. Laubin oboe #1995 was stolen on Dec. 2nd, 1995 from John Wright, 4425 Tise Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27105.
53. Bassoon: Heckel Serial Number 12782/2. Stolen from Fernando Traba, Mexican bassoonist studying at the Juilliard School in New York. It was stolen from him in a jewelry store on West 47th St., while he was shopping with his wife. Contact the IDRS bassoon editor if the instrument is located.
54. Bassoon: Schreiber, model 5014, serial number 29014, with accessories, stolen on July 12, 1995, from the home of Marcelo Padilla. Please contact him at the following address: Casa J-5, Los Colegios, Moravia, COSTA RICA, or phone number (506) 236-7246.
55. Oboe: Loreé JC29 AK, Model stolen from Karen Hosmer in Philadelphia. If found contact K.H., 319 N. 34th St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.
56. Fox Model IV+ bassoon, Ser. No. 222276. Last known in the unlawful possession of Harry A. Arsenault of Stamford, CT. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this bassoon or the above individual, please contact Stamford, CT Police Department Detective Bruce Rosa. 203-977-4945. Refer to incident report 95-10270062. Or contact Peter Katt at Forrests Music, Berkeley, CA 800-322-6263. E-mail: forresdr@ix.netcom.com.
57. Gordet oboe, serial #A331, stolen February 1996, in Springfield, Illinois, from locked school locker. (Springfield Southeast High School). Approx. 30 yrs. old, wooden, third octave key. From Allison B. Baker, 3301 Ivyton Drive, Springfield, IL 62704. (217) 787-6372.
58. Oboe: Lorée, Serial # BC-36. Its Northern Illinois University number is 37727. Stolen in DeKalb, Illinois, from the Northern Illinois University School of Music, April 15, 1996. Please contact Jennifer Swenson, Large Ensemble Office, Northern Illinois University School of Music, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. (815) 753-1551.
59. Oboe: Loree, serial number LN13. Stolen from high school locker on May 28, 1996 at South Lakes High School, Reston, VA. Contact Don Pittenger, 12343 Coleraine Ct., Reston, VA 22091. (703) 860-4419.
60. Lorée Oboe: AK model LM26, stolen September 30, 1996 from my apartment in Cincinnati, Ohio, together with a Korg tuner and a Seiko metronome. Contact me at: Janna Leigh Ryon, 2247 Hidden Cove Road, Cookeville, Tennessee 38506. (615) 528-2340.
61. Loree Oboe: Serial number II34, stolen in June, 1993 from my home in Lucas, Texas. Contact Jennifer Allen. (972) 727-4456.
62. Leblanc Wood Oboe (Serial #1317) no left F. Stolen on September 17, 1996 from the band room at Hamilton Music Academy, 2966 South Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90034. If found, please contact music director Jeff Kaufman at (310) 559-9468.
63. Moosmann bassoon, serial number 91039, date of buy 05-03-91, stolen in the small southwest German village D-66620 Kastel (Saarland), Im Aller 3, with a housebreaking, stolen from Muriel Thiel. tel. 00496873 400 or 0033387 937145.
64. Marigaux, Serial No. 19892, with a thumbplate key (English fingering system). Stolen from her hotel room in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on 26 February, 1997, while on tour with the wind soloists of the European Chamber Orchestra. She can be reached at (44) 171 437 0493, Fax (44) 171 437 0495, e-mail: Toby Scott <basker@cix.com-pulink.co.uk>.
65. Heckel bassoon #6698. Stolen from the rooming house of Willard Elliot on March 12, 1945. If found or located contact Willard Elliot at 6731 Trail Cliff Way, Fort Worth, TX 76132. Tel.: (817) 346-9508.
66. Oboe of Lorée, Paris. No. EY 64. Lost in Bat-Shlomo, Israel, July 4, 1997. Has distinct mark... worn spot on the silver of the F# key. Please contact Israel, Asaf Beéri, Ayelet-Hashahar 12200 (no need for PO Box). Tel.: 972-06-6932184 or 972-06-6932740.
67. Lorée oboe #C033 stolen in Minneapolis in November, 1996. Please contact David Cantieni, 105 Hawks Road, Deerfield, Massachusetts, 01342.
68. Lorée oboe, #HQ25 stolen in Amsterdam, The Netherlands December 8, 1997. Please contact Kathy Halvorson, Kanaalstraat 158-1, 1054 XP Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Tel.: 31-20-689-8066, email: halvobo@xs4all.nl.
69. Lorée AK model oboe, #KT71 stolen in Amsterdam, The Netherlands December 8, 1997. Please contact Kathy Halvorson, Kanaalstraat 158-1, 1054 XP Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Tel.: 31-20-689-8066, email: halvobo@xs4all.nl.
70. Lorée oboe #JD88 - stolen during the LA Philharmonic's 1992 tour to Salzburg. Please contact: David Weiss, 6226 S. Corning Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90056. Tel. (31) 337-0962, fax (310) 337-7431, email: Weiss440@aol.com.
71. Laubin oboe, serial number 1981. Stolen in October 1997 in New Haven, CT. Owned by Laura Chamberlain, 10 Frost Road, Lexington, MA 02173. (781) 861-3759, messages (781) 736-2245. E-mail contact: c/o mcculloch@binah.cc.brandeis.edu.
72. Laubin Oboe #1981. Stolen in New Haven, CT in October 1997. Contact Laura Chamberlain, 10 Frost Road, Lexington, MA 02173 Tel. (781) 861-3759; or contact A. Laubin, Inc., 638 Central Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566.
73. Oboe: Lorée, #DP82, stolen in Oklahoma City on Feb. 26, 1998, and resold soon thereafter in the Texas area. If found, contact Kim Monk at the Fenton Law Firm, 211 N. Robinson, St. 800-N, Oklahoma City, OK, 73102. (405) 235-4671 x 3316, fax: (405) 234-5247. Email: fenton@ionet.net
74. Rosewood Lorée AK-reproduction serial #MA-88, stolen on June 10, 1998 (it is the property of UT-Austin). Please contact David Garcia, 1071 Clayton Ln. #1217, Austin, TX 78723. (512) 452-8620, or contact the Uoff police department.
75. Stolen: Püchner Bassoon, professional compact Model 23, S-No. 1081F. Stolen from Fabian Contreras in Mendoza City, Argentina, on September, 1998, with C sharp piano key rollers, Ab-Bb trill key, C-plate, balance hanger, compact version. Case and accessory. Please contact him at parents address: Incagarcilaso 1565 C.P. 4000 S. M. de Tucuman Argentina T.E. (381) 424 2310 or Asuncion City Symphony Orchestra Paraguay. Fax (595) 21 492 416.
76. Stolen: Fox 601 bassoon, serial # 23502, stolen Dec. 21, 1997 in Minneapolis. Contact Coreen Nordling, 612-925-0620 or e-mail cnordling@yahoo.com.
77. Heckel Bassoon #10704 stolen from Gainesville, Florida, on Nov. 3, 1998. This is a very distinguishable instrument with extra keys and custom features. \$2000 reward for its return. Contact John Tileston at 352-338-1800 or e-mail at jennifer@intelx.net.