

# SOUSAFUN

## Some Guide Notes for Teachers.

Please photocopy the enclosed worksheet for pupils, and give each child a copy after the performance. It is not a test, just a follow-up to reinforce what they have learnt during the show.

**Here is some information which might be useful:- (These are teachers' crib notes which contain all the answers to the questions on the worksheet!)**

John plays many different instruments, some more unusual than others. During a **Sousafun** concert, he performs on the **Sousaphone**, the **Serpent**, the **Didgeridoo**, the **Hosepipe** and a selection of vegetables, (normally a **Carrot**, a **Parsnip** or a **Swede**, if in season!). The Sousaphone plays lower notes than the clarinet can, because it has the longest tubing.

Tom plays the **Clarinet**, the "**Parsnipophone**" and **his own nose and ears(!)**, as well as performing several magic tricks. (He is a full member of the Magic Circle.)

John's Sousaphone is made of **brass**. It was made in 1927, and weighs about 18 Kg. To buy one new today would cost about £5000. The Sousaphone was invented by the American composer **John Philip Sousa**, 1854-1932. (See picture, right.)

Tom's reed is made from **bamboo**. The right kind of bamboo is only found in the South of France. This is because that is the only place with the right mix of sun and rain. The metal pieces of the clarinet are called the **keys**, and the reed is held on by a **ligature**. A new clarinet would cost about £2000.

Taking our instruments to bits means that they fit into a smaller case, and are easier to carry.

Finally, here is a Sousafun project for you, perhaps for a wet afternoon. The cardboard tubes from rolls of gift-wrapping paper make excellent didgeridoos, and can be painted in Aboriginal designs using water colours. They really play!



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