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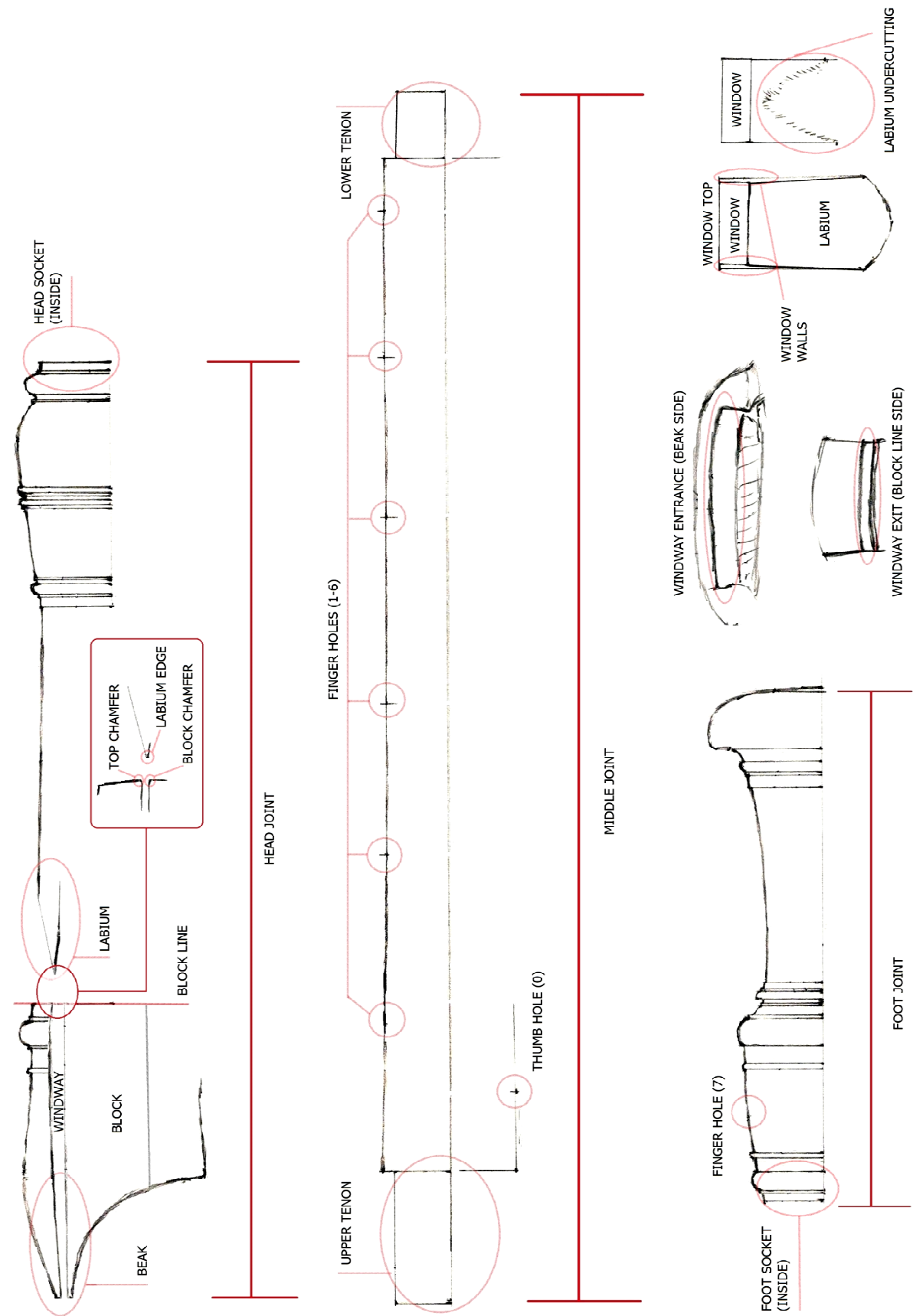
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Abbreviations

A: alto
B: bass
bap.: baptized
bc: basso continuo
c.: circa
db: double bass
fl.: flourished
hn: horn
n.a.: not applicable
n.d.: not dated
ob: oboe
op.: opus
PL: partial length
rec: recorder
S: soprano
SL: sounding length
T: tenor
TL: total length
tpt: trumpet
tra: traverso
trbn: trombone
vc: violoncello
vl: violin
vla: viola

N.B. Library and museum siglas are given at the end, in the List of Consulted Collections.

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- Measurement figures were rounded to the next integer (e.g. 3.7 mm = 4 mm, 3.2 mm = 3 mm), except in Appendix 1 where these were kept exactly as they were.
- Lengths of instruments are always given in millimeters.
- Fingerings and finger holes are designated using modern finger numbering convention, i.e. 01234567 starting from the top of the recorder (0 being the left-hand thumb, 7 the right-hand pinky).
- Scientific pitch notation has been used by the present author. In this system, which was used throughout the present study, middle C is C4 (corresponding to c' in Helmholtz pitch notation, and cc in English pitch notation). In quotes in which the original author used a different system, this has been kept.
- For the sake of practicality in identifying the recorders and the musical works mentioned in this study, all have been assigned 'numbers', as an abbreviation of all the information pertinent to each of them. In the case of the recorders, these numbers are generally formed by the first three letters of a maker's name, followed by the first three letters of the size of instrument, followed by a two digit number (e.g. Anonymous Alto 'no. 1' = Ano.ALT.01). Soprano and sopranino needed to be distinguished and were therefore catalogued with the abbreviations SPO and SPI, respectively. In the case of the musical works, the numbers are also generally formed by the first three letters of a composer's name, followed by the first three letters of the type of work, followed by a two digit number (e.g. Anonymous Sonata 'no. 1' = Ano.SON.01). Porpora and Porsile needed to be distinguished and their works are therefore catalogued with the abbreviations POP and POS, respectively.

Baroque: The Portuguese word for an irregular pearl, "barroco," was first applied to the fine arts in 1733 by a French author, in a letter printed in the *Mercure de France*. The anonymous author used it to criticize an opera by Jean-Philippe Rameau for being 'baroque' because it "lacked coherent melody, was unsparing in dissonances, constantly changed key and metre, and speedily ran through every compositional device." Currently, 'baroque' is generally applied to the broad period or style of European music that roughly spans the years 1600 to 1750. Nonetheless, as Claude V. Palisca writes, "[t]here has been appreciable disagreement concerning the starting date of the period [...]. [Heinrich] Wölfflin (*Renaissance und Barock*, 1888) recognized in art history an early phase from 1570, a high phase from 1680, and a

late phase extending from about 1700 until the rise of the 'Sturm und Drang'." More recent scholarly studies set a terminal date c. 1720s–1730s. Silke Leopold, for example, writes: "Die Frage, wann die Barockzeit zu Ende ging, läßt sich ebenso wenig präzise beantworten wie die Frage nach ihrem Beginn. Ab etwa 1720 mehren sich jedoch die Zeichen für ein neues Denken im Bereich der Musik, das nicht zuletzt mit einem neuen Menschenbild einhergeht." (Translation by the present author: "The question of when the Baroque era came to an end cannot be answered more precisely than the question of when it began. From about 1720, however, there are signs of a new way of thinking in the field of music, going hand in hand with a new human ideal.") There has also been considerable debate as to whether music and other art forms as painting and literature had the same chronological limits for the term, or whether it is productive to use the term at all, as Lorenzo Bianconi criticizes: "è dubbio che la sua estensione a tutta l'arte del periodo che va dal 1600 al 1750, o addirittura la sua dilatazione alla storia della musica, ancorché legittima, sia criticamente fruttuosa." (Translation by the present author: "it is doubtful whether its extension to the entire art of the period that goes from 1600 to 1750, or even its expansion in the history of music, even if legitimate, is critically fruitful.") In the present study, the word concerns both instruments and works, and encompasses the entire period of study, 1695–1759. These boundaries fall nearly perfectly within the period defined by Suzanne Clercx as "baroque tardif", and include both the "middle baroque" and the beginning of the "late baroque" as defined by Manfred F. Bukofzer, the music displaying already many Galant qualities.

Baroque recorder: the term 'Baroque recorder' is to be understood as the instrument in three parts (head joint, middle joint with seven finger holes, and foot joint with the remaining hole), with a mostly conical bore and extended range that appeared in Europe around the 1670s, alongside the appearance of a 'recorder specific', 'solo' repertoire. The instrument was ornamented in the joints with turned rings, had a mostly conical bore and an extended range in relation to its earlier counterpart.

Busta (Italian): case (in a library).

Corps de rechange (French): interchangeable joints of varying lengths which allow for an instrument to be used at different pitches.

Chamfer: a cut corner or transitional edge between two vertices of an object. The angle of the cut varies on a recorder block and windway top (if any at all are present).

Choke: the narrowest part of the bore of a (Renaissance or Early Baroque) recorder, which usually coincides approximately with the last finger hole.

Curvature: the degree of curving of a line or surface.

Duct flute: An aerophone whose essential feature is a head, partially blocked (by a block), leaving a windway that directs the player's breath to a rigid sharp edge (labium edge), such as a recorder.

Early-Baroque recorder: the instrument that stood in between the Renaissance and the Baroque recorder, chronologically, in external appearance, internal design and in its use in music.

Flute: in modern musical terminology flute usually refers to the transverse flute, an instrument made of metal or wood consisting of a long tube held sideways, having a hole near one end for the player to produce the sound. However, from the arrival of the Baroque recorder in England from France at the mid-1690s until the late 1720s, flute referred to the recorder (alluding to the *flute douce*). For the purpose of this study, the word 'recorder' has been used whenever the present author referred to this instrument; previous mentions of the instrument as 'flauto' and 'flute' were kept as in the original. When used by the present author, 'flutes' and 'flutists' are generalist terms which include both recorder and traverso.

Griffin: a mythological creature that has the body, tail, and back legs of a lion, and the head, wings, and front feet of an eagle. It is commonly depicted in heraldry.

Joint: a piece of a woodwind instrument, as well as the specific part of this piece which connects with another piece. On recorders, top and bottom joints have sockets in which the tenons of middle joints securely fit in. The tenons on historical woodwind instruments are usually adjusted with thread, whilst modern instruments' tenons are customarily covered with cork. The sockets of Baroque instruments are thicker for better resistance and usually ornate with turning rings for aesthetical reasons. On Baroque recorders the outside of the head socket (bottom of the head joint) is usually 'pear' shaped, whilst the foot socket (top of the foot joint) resembles a 'bulb' (especially on smaller sized instruments).

Lion rampant: in heraldry, rampant is one of the attitudes (positions). A lion rampant is depicted in profile standing erect with forepaws raised.

Nominal pitch: the lowest note to which an instrument is tuned. In the case of recorders these commonly include C, D, E, F, G, A and B, independently of sizes or pitches.

Pitchpipe: an aerophone used to aid tuning, usually by giving a number of standard pitches. Pitchpipes often consist of a recorder head with a movable piston, and marked notes on the outside.

Protrusion: a protuberance.

Reaming: to enlarge a previously bored object to the desired size by using of a reamer. In the making of recorders, several reamers are commonly used, specific to each model.

Renaissance recorder: this simple looking instrument was typically made in one part with nine finger holes (one of which usually covered with wax), mostly had a cylindrical bore and more limited range, and was usually played in consorts. As the predecessor of the Baroque recorder, the Renaissance recorder prevailed from the sixteenth century until the second half of the seventeenth century.

Scroll: a shape resembling a partially rolled scroll of paper.

Sounding length: also called speaking length, it is the distance between the block line and the bottom of the foot joint.

Total length: the distance between the tip of the beak and the bottom of the foot joint.

Voicing: a fundamental element of an instrument's design as well as a process that ensures that instruments speak correctly and with the desired uniformity of tone, volume, and tuning. In the case of recorders it refers to minute adjustments to the windway (including chamfers, windway curvature, block height and curvature), window and labium.

Wimple: an undulated shape.

