

68 in; 67 out



Lagnar Dinklaker is the only known woman to fit an entire symphony orchestra in her mouth. Dinklaker herself can't explain it. "It just happened," she says with a shrug. "I was sitting in Row B listening to the Pascagoula Philharmonic play Otto Pringler's Etude Bruté. It was kind of a boring tune, so I yawned. The next thing I knew, the whole darned string section had put down their instruments and was jumping into my mouth! I tried to stop them, but then the conductor – I forget his name but he was a big, burly guy – was holding my mouth wide open. Initially, I liked all the attention, but later I did feel a bit humiliated." In all, 68 musicians crowded into Lagnar Dinklaker's mouth, along with a pair of timpani. However, only 67 musicians got out. By the time the flute section was extricating itself, Dinklaker's jaw muscles were tiring, and her mouth snapped shut before the piccolo player could escape. He hasn't been heard from since.