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Summary (Outline form):

* Used to have to wait until about age 11 to start bassoon because of size and weight, but now there is a mini bassoon-use same fingerings and gets student used to technique
* Students can play as long as they can manage the weight, reach the keys and are able to be careful with the fragile instrument-student will also need to be patient and not afraid to be different
* Buying a bassoon can be expensive, but there are many options for renting instruments either from stores or schools
* You are best off ordering reeds online or buying from students at a nearby university
* If you are good, you will have plenty of opportunities to play because there are few good bassoon players