



● HENRY MANCINI — with instruction from Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls — blows a didgeridoo.

## Mancini huffs, puffs — to no avail

HENRY MANCINI puffed his cheeks and the sound swelled to a jarring drone — then died away to an unmusical gurgle.

"The didgeridoo," said Mancini, "is a very difficult instrument to play."

A didgeridoo was the

first thing Mancini wanted to see when he arrived in Melbourne yesterday.

So his concert tour promoters bought him one, and invited Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls to

explain the aboriginal instrument.

Sir Douglas brought along some click sticks and kept time while Mancini tried to play at his plush hotel suite.

"It's the bit about breathing in through your nose and blowing out your mouth at the same time that gets me," Mancini said.

Sir Douglas said the American composer's first attempt at playing the instrument was good.

Mancini gave a concert in Melbourne last night and will appear at Festival Hall again tonight.

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