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The late John Fletcher (1941-1987) is England's most celebrated tuba player. John was known to his closest colleagues simply as "Fletch." He was best known as the Principal Tubist with the London Symphony Orchestra and also the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble. It is fortunate that his artistry with the LSO and PJBE is documented on many recordings. Probably the most well-known of Fletcher's LSO recordings is his performance of the Vaughan Williams Concerto in F Minor for Bass Tuba and Orchestra (RCA-60586).

Although virtually all PJBE CDs include excellent representations of his playing, probably the first one to acquire would be the double CD Philip Jones Brass Ensemble—Greatest Hits (Decca- 467746). Mr. Fletcher also published a number of solos and ensembles.

*John Fletcher was awarded the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Tuba-Euphonium Association (I.T.E.A.). A book entitled *A Celebration: John Fletcher Tuba Extraordinary* was published in 1997. There is also a CD of his playing entitled *The Best of Fletch*. Additional information about Mr. Fletcher also appears in the book *The Odyssey of The Philip Jones Brass Ensemble*, published in by Editions BIM in 1986.*

More information about Fletcher may be found at <http://www.johnfletcher-tuba.co.uk/>. The site includes a number of nice photographs, information about the book and CD mentioned above, as well as the John Fletcher Trust Fund.