Clarinet Care Guide

Before Playing:

Always soak your reed in your mouth while assembling your clarinet.

The rods and keys on your clarinet are very delicate. Be careful not to squeeze the rods along the side of the clarinet when putting it together, and remove your clarinet from the case by holding the ends of each joint.

Use cork grease on the clarinet joints as needed to ensure that assembly is easy.

After Playing:

Take your reed off and store it well. If you can, rotate which reed you play on daily.

Always swab out your instrument after playing. Silk, cotton and microfibre swabs are excellent options. Place the swab through the bell end and pool it out through the other side to remove any moisture.

After swabbing, use a clean, soft cloth to wipe down the outside of the clarinet.

Storage:

Store your clarinet properly in its case when you're not using it.

Never store your clarinet in extreme hot or cold temperatures.

Loose items can damage your instrument. Do not put sheet music or other items in your case unless there is a designated compartment for them.

When carrying your clarinet, double-check that the case latches are securely closed. It's a good idea to carry the lid of your case against your leg for extra protection.

Weekly Maintenance:

Wash your cotton swab in warm water with a mild detergent once a week (or at least once a month depending on use). Allow it to fully dry before you use it again.

Use a soft cloth to wipe each key one by one, taking care not to snag any springs.

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