Trumpet Care Guide

Before Playing:

Lubricate your valves:

1. Unscrew the valve cap and pull the valve out about halfway.
2. Add 1-3 drops of valve oil to the wide part of the valve.
3. Push the valve back into position. Check that it is aligned correctly.
4. Depress the valve for roughly 5 seconds to ensure the oil has spread properly.

To check for proper alignment, gently try to turn the valve. If it doesn't turn, it is lined up correctly. If if turns, keep turning until you hear a "click" and the valve stops turning. You can also check that the valves are properly aligned by blowing air through your trumpet. If they aren't placed correctly, air will not flow freely through your instrument.

Never force your mouthpiece onto your instrument. If it ever gets stuck, don't try to remove it yourself by using force. Instead, contact Bandology or go to a local music store — they will likely have a mouthpiece removal tool.

After Playing:

Open the water keys and blow through your trumpet to remove excess moisture.

Use a clean, soft cloth to wipe down the outside of the trumpet.

Storage:

Store your trumpet properly in its case when you're not using it. Never store your trumpet 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 trumpet, double-check that the case latches are securely closed. Carry the lid of your case against your leg for extra protection.

Weekly Maintenance:

Wash your mouthpiece weekly with warm water, soft liquid soap and a brush.