Tuba Care Guide

Before Playing:

Lubricate your valves:

- Remove the valve cap and pull the valve out about halfway.
- Add a small drop of valve oil to the wide part of the valve.
- Push the valve back on, making sure that it is correctly aligned. Air will not flow freely through your instrument if the valve is not placed right.
- Depress the valve for ~5 seconds to ensure the oil has spread properly.

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 key and blow through your tuba to remove any excess moisture.

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

Storage:

Store your tuba properly in its case when you're not using it. Never store your tuba 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 tuba, 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 mouthpiece weekly with warm water, soft liquid soap and a brush.

Check to make sure that the tuning slide moves freely. If it is difficult to move, wipe it with a soft cloth to remove any residue. Then, apply a small amount of slide grease on it and carefully insert the slide back into your tuba.

