

# Flute & Piccolo Care

Take extra care to prevent exposure to sudden changes in temperature and humidity. Avoid direct, extended exposure to:

- Sunlight • Heaters • Air Conditioners

Remove all moisture after you have finished playing.



## **Assembling Your Flute or Piccolo -**

- Assemble, tune, and clean your instrument for the first time under the guidance of your teacher.

## **Assembly -**

- Taking care not to apply pressure to the main body to avoid bending any keys, attach the foot to the body with a gentle twisting motion.
- Attach the headjoint in the same manner, using the marks on each joint as a guide.

## **NEVER USE ANY CORK GREASE OR LUBRICANTS ON FLUTE JOINTS.**

If you find the joints difficult to put together, wipe down the inside and outside of the joints to remove dirt or metal grit that may have developed from rubbing together.

## **Cleaning the Body -**

- Insert the corner of a clean cotton cloth through the small hole at the top of the cleaning rod. Wrap cloth or flute snake around the rod making sure no metal parts are exposed.
- Insert gently into foot (for flute), body and head-joints individually, and twist.
- For daily care, wipe the entire length of the body with a polishing cloth being careful not to apply pressure to the keys. Wipe down the keys, taking care not to scratch them or damage the pads.

## **Storing the Instrument -**

- The case should always be used for storing the instrument after playing and for transporting.
- Do not leave your instrument in a car, even for a short period of time.
- Only store your instrument in dry locations with comfortable temperatures.
- Do not put anything in the case that could place pressure on the instrument. To keep your instrument in optimum playing condition, have it cleaned and inspected by a qualified repair technician annually.

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