

# LEONARDS MUSIC

## Oboe Maintenance Sheet

### What to do:

- ✓ During assembly of the main joints pay particularly close attention to the two bridge keys. Instruments with bent bridge keys will not play.
- ✓ Keep the inside of your instrument clean and dry. This means swabbing the instrument every time you are finished playing.
- ✓ Use cork grease *as little as possible*, but be sure to use it when you need it. To apply it properly, you must rub the grease into the cork.
- ✓ Always store your instrument in its case when not in use. This will prevent any excessive tarnishing and lower the risk of accidental damage.
- ✓ Gently use a polishing cloth. One of the best ways to keep your instrument looking nice is to wipe off your fingerprints after every use. Take care not to scratch or damage the instrument.
- ✓ When you are finished playing, always put your reed in its proper case. This will lengthen the life of the reed and prevent mold growth.
- ✓ Practice and have fun!

### What not to do:

- ✗ Please do not use silver polishes or any other cleaners. They will damage the mechanism and pads.
- ✗ Do not leave your reed in the instrument when you are not playing; this will shorten the life of the reed. Leaving the reed in can cause mold to grow.
- ✗ Do not store any music or papers inside of the case. This will damage the instrument. Use your new Leonards Music bag for your case and music books.
- ✗ Do not put any stickers on your instrument or the outside of your case.
- ✗ Never leave your instrument on a music stand, chair, or on any other surface where it can easily fall. When not in use, keep the instrument in the case.
- ✗ Never use any adhesives, pliers, hammers, etc. on your instrument. If the instrument is not working properly, please call us right away and we will repair it.
- ✗ Most swabs are not intended to be pulled through the oboe. Once the swab is far enough into the upper joint, pull the swab back through the larger end. *NEVER* force the swab through your oboe! If your swab gets stuck, leave it and call us. Please do not attempt to remove it yourself.
- ✗ **Do not bring your instrument to another music store or have your teacher try to fix it. Do not attempt home repairs.** *Damage from unauthorized work or repairs will not be covered.* **Please be sure to bring your instrument to one of our trained professionals for service.**