

# HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR BASSOON...

## Every time you play

- After you have finished playing, take the bassoon apart and clean each joint in turn with a cleaning mop. Hold the parts securely as you do so!
- To ensure the bore of the bassoon is completely dry, push the mop in to the bore and turn. You will need to do this two or three times to be sure you have removed all of the moisture.
- Clean the outside of your bassoon with a silver cloth. You can use a Chamois leather to clean the keys.
- Ensure all of the sockets and inserts are dry after every use, and clean them regularly.
- To prevent the bore from absorbing moisture, it can be a good idea to use some bore oil which protects and conditions the wood. Add a tiny amount to an old swab and pull it through until there is a thin smear of oil viewable on the bore. This should be done once a week for the first few months of a bassoon's life, but as time goes on, it can be done as needed (once a month or so).
- It is recommended that you have your bassoon checked over and serviced by an experienced repairer every 1-2 years.

