

Info for Flute Players

Assembling your instrument:

1. Always use a twisting motion when assembling your instrument.
2. When the body and the head joint are properly assembled the hole in the lip plate will line up with the long stack of keys on the body.
3. When the foot joint is assembled properly it will be centered to the last key on the body, or as comfortable.
4. Take care not to bend the G# touch piece up or down.

Caring for your flute:

1. Do not eat or drink anything except water before or while you are playing your instrument.
2. Swab out your instrument after EVERY time you play by placing a cotton cloth (at least 6" x 6" in size) through the hole at the end of your rod and run it through the inside of the instrument. Make sure the cloth covers the top of the cleaning rod.
3. If the crown spins on the end of the flute or falls off twist it back on until it is snug. If you twist the crown beyond the snug point it can make your head cork move, causing you to play out of tune.
4. Never set down your flute where it could be sat on or stepped on.
5. Do not use silver polish on your flute! This can get on your pads and corks causing them to tear! Also, it usually makes a big mess! The Ellis Music Repair Shop can polish your flute for you!
6. Send in yearly for maintenance.

