

Cleaning Guide for **FLUTE**

I. HEAD JOINT

- a. Materials – warm water; tuning rod and swab; clean, soft cloth; paper towels
- b. Procedure
 - i. Use warm running water from the faucet. Run the water through the embouchure hole, letting it run out of the open end.
 - ii. After rinsing the head joint thoroughly, use the cleaning rod and swab it to dry it out.
 - iii. Look through the open end. If the inside is not clean and shiny, repeat the procedure.
 - iv. Hold the head joint in your left hand. Using a paper towel in your right hand, rub the tenon back and forth until dirt and/or tarnish no longer appear on the paper.
 - v. Wipe the embouchure plate and the outside of the head joint with the clean, soft cloth to remove all fingerprints.

II. MIDDLE JOINT AND FOOT JOINT

- a. Materials – clean, soft cloth; child's soft toothbrush or artist's paint brush or woodwind key brush, Q-tips, paper towels, cleaning swab.
- b. Procedure
 - i. Swab the middle joint several times, using the cleaning rod and swab. Look through the joint. If the inside is not clean and shiny, repeat the procedure until it is.
 - ii. Do the same with the foot joint.
 - iii. Using the paper towels, clean the tenon of the middle joint just as you did on the head joint.
 - iv. Use the paper towels to clean the tenon receiver on the middle joint and on the foot joint. Keep wiping with a clean part of the paper towel until dirt/tarnish no longer shows up on the paper towel.
 - v. Use a brush or the Q-tips to clean dust from the areas around and under the keys and rods. Take care not to move any springs.
 - vi. Using the clean, soft cloth, wipe the outside areas to remove all fingerprints and smudges.
 - vii. Wash and dry the swab after cleaning the instrument.

III. THE CASE

- a. You should clean the case each time you clean your instrument. Remove any unnecessary items and find them another home.
- b. Thoroughly vacuum the inside of the case before you return the cleaning instrument to it.
- c. Be sure to fold the swab carefully and store it on top of the head joint, not on top of the keys.