

## Looking After Your Bassoon

The instrument you have bought is of *colossal* value and will need looking after. Here are a few simple steps on how this should be approached.

### Daily – or each time you play

1. When you have finished playing, the first thing you will need to do is to clean the inside of your bassoon using the cleaning mops supplied with the instrument.

The most effective way to use the mops is to first take the bassoon apart, then clean each joint in turn holding them securely as you would when putting your bassoon together.

Push the mop into the bore and turn and remove. Use the Bassoon Mops two or three times to ensure the bore of the bassoon is free from any moisture.

2. If you have a wooden bassoon ensure that the sockets and inserts are dry after every use and are cleaned regularly.
3. Clean the outside of your bassoon with either a **Duster – for Nickel Plated Keywork** (ACM503), or a **'Silver Cloth' – for Silver Plated Keywork** (ACM502). This should be carried out every time you have finished playing. A small chamois leather is also useful for removing any greasiness from the keywork.

### 18 Months – 2 Years

To ensure correct performance and a long life for your bassoon it is recommended that you have it serviced by a qualified repairer after 18 months to 2 years of playing.

**If you have any doubts or queries please call us on 01628 630 800 and we will be glad to advise you.**

