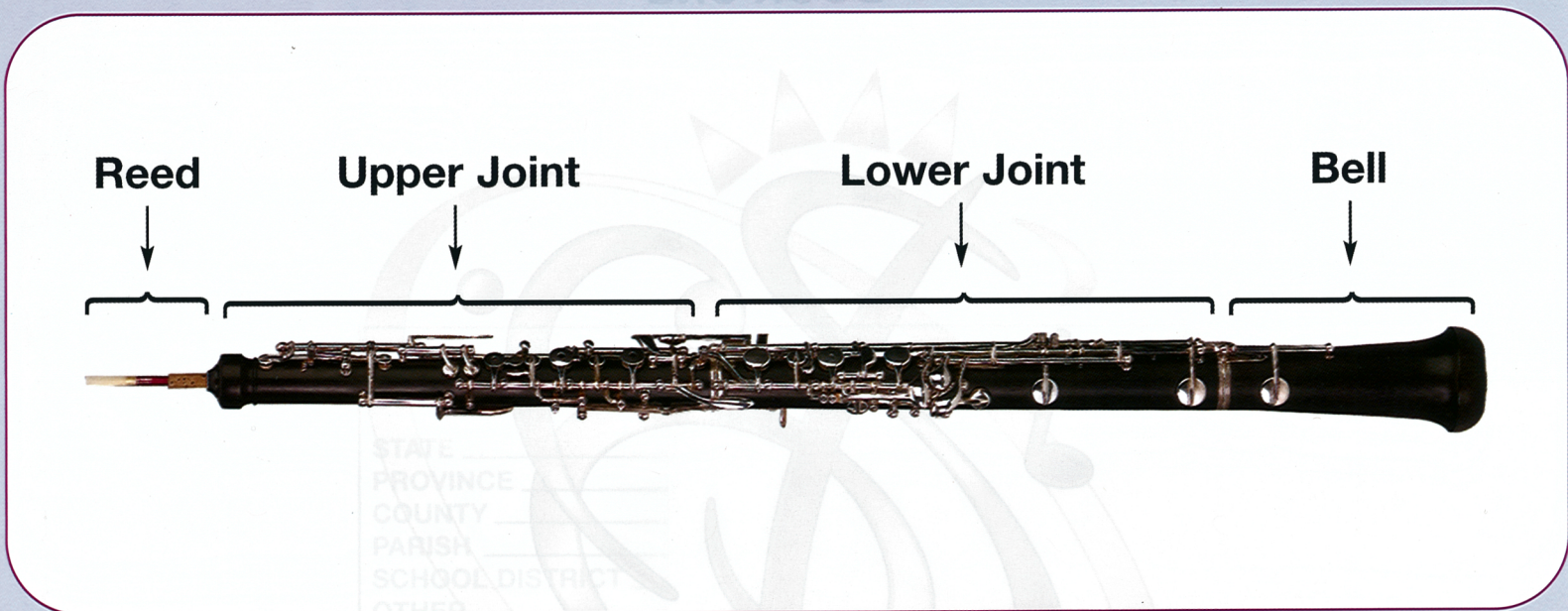


The Art of Playing

Instrument and Parts



Assembly Procedure

1. Soak the reed in water.
2. Press the round bell key and gently twist the bell onto the lower joint, placing the bell bridge key directly over the bottom bridge key.
3. Place the upper joint in the left hand and press the round tone holes with your fingers. Grasp the lower joint in the right hand and place your fingers over the round tone holes. Gently twist them together, making sure that the upper joint bridge key is directly over the lower joint bridge key.
4. Place the reed carefully in the instrument.
5. Apply cork grease as needed.

Disassembly Procedure

1. Remove the reed carefully and place it in a reed case or storage box.
2. Use a feather or swab to remove the moisture from the oboe.
3. Wipe the keys with a soft cloth.
4. Remove the top joint from the middle joint.
5. Remove the bell.
6. Place the oboe carefully in the case and close all latches completely.
7. Cases are for your instrument only, not for music, folders, or books.

Care and Maintenance

- Keep the oboe clean and free of moisture by swabbing after each use.
- Gently wipe off the keys each time before replacing the instrument in the case.
- Rest the oboe with the keys facing up to keep moisture from the pads.
- Avoid exposing the oboe to extreme heat or cold.
- Take your instrument to a professional shop once a year for maintenance.