

## ASSEMBLY

- When possible, avoid touching the keys when you are putting your clarinet together.
- When joining the lower and upper joints, you must press the rings of the top joint to lift the bridge key. **Do this carefully so you do not bend any keys.**
- The joints of the clarinet should twist together easily. If you have any difficultly, grease the corks. Wipe off any excess grease so it doesn't get on the pads or in the keys.

## FINISHED PLAYING?

- Remove your ligature, reed, and mouthpiece from the clarinet first.
- Swab your clarinet each time you finish playing. Leaving the rest of the clarinet assembled, insert the swab into the bell. **DO NOT** pull the swab through the mouthpiece.
- Always remove your reed from your mouthpiece, wipe the excess moisture off of it, and place it in a reed guard.
- Leave the ligature on the mouthpiece to keep it from getting bent, and be sure to replace the mouthpiece cover on the mouthpiece.
- Always keep your clarinet in its case when you are not playing it. Never put anything into your case that it was not designed to hold because the pressure from papers or music can bend the rods and keys.

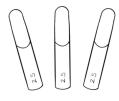




Swab



Cork Grease



Reeds 2.5 or Medium

