

Competency 5.0

Ability to exhibit awareness of the structure, sound production & tone quality of musical instruments

Competency Level 5.2

Maintenance of the recorder and melodica

5.2.1

Let us care for our instrument

Learn how to maintain the Recorder and Melodica observing hygienic conditions

The word 'care' is used in connection with almost everything we use in our daily life-care for ourselves, care for the environment, care for the thing we use. So, it is natural that we have to care for the instrument we use.

Recorder



How to maintain the recorder

- Warm the head joint close to body temperature before playing.
- Use the protective plastic tenon (joint) caps when storing the instrument in its cases.
- Store the instrument in its case to prevent damages.
- Avoid eating or drinking just before playing.
- Plastic instrument can be cleaned using warm soapy water.

In the following video you can watch how to clean a recorder.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYE9aFMBMac&feature=youtu.be>

Melodica



- The melodica is a free-reed instrument and is like a combination of an accordion and a harmonica.
- It has a musical keyboard on top.
- Played by blowing air through a mouthpiece.
- Melodica is a small, light, and portable instrument.
- Always keep your melodica in a case or box when not in use.
- Wash the mouth piece after used.

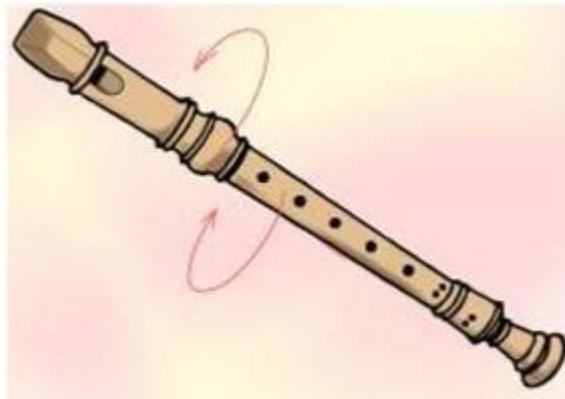
How to care for your Instruments.

Common factors

- Wash your hands so that they are clean before assembling your recorder.



- Assemble carefully and correctly, turn to the correct side.



- After use they should be cleansed specially the mouth pieces.



- The instruments should be stored in a safe place at a moderate temperature -not too cold, not too hot.

