

Taking Care of Your Brass Instrument

- Always keep your instrument in the case when not in use.
- Avoid extreme temperatures, leaving the instrument next to a radiator or in a cold damp room, or in direct sunlight in a car and so on.
- When assembling brass instruments, take care to ensure the keys are not strained by rough handling. Always make sure the parts are connected correctly.
- Keep your instrument clean with a DRY micro fibre / lint free cloth. Use it to wipe away fingerprints and residue after use.
- You can boil your mouth piece to clean it, or use warm soapy water. Make sure it is dried thoroughly afterward.
- Your instrument should be cleaned once a month with soapy water to flush out the valves and keep it sounding bright. The youtube link below will show you a practical demonstration, and can also be accessed by typing “expertvillage how to clean brass” into the youtube search engine.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LocZWgTo6Zg&feature=list_other&playnext=1&list=SP7F03C373E0645D7E

- Avoid placing anything on top of your instrument. Damage can occur very easily, particularly if your instrument is hidden under sheet music or a coat. It can get knocked or sat on.
- If you notice any broken solder joints, take your instrument to be repaired immediately to a professional.
- If you have a very good instrument that is being used frequently, it is advisable to bring it to a professional once a year to 18 months for a professional clean and service.