

noelle's oboe WORKSHOP

Double Reed Instrument Repair - By Appointment Only

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Standard Services Offered

Routine Annual Maintenance (Small job, typically \$50-100, completed day-of)

Every oboe should be looked at once a year, even if everything seems fine. Practicing this type of instrument maintenance will help you stay ahead of, or possibly even avoid, more complicated and costly repairs.

- Evaluate
- Check adjustments, lubricate mechanism, play test

Emergency Playing Condition (Small job, typically \$50-200, completed day-of)

Most "emergency appointments" fit this type of service. This is when something minor has gone wrong and you need the instrument to get back into playing condition. Examples of EPC problems are: a pad or bumper cork has fallen off, a tenon cork needs to be replaced, dirty octave vents are causing water problems, a key has been bent, etc. Work is done at the scheduled appointment time.

- Correct the immediate minor issue
- Check adjustments, lubricate mechanism, play test

Standard Cleaning or "COA" (Bigger job, typically \$400-600, depending on condition. If scheduled in advance, turnaround time is usually 2-3 business days)

Flute players refer to this as a Clean Oil Adjust. This service is recommended to be done regularly to help you avoid last minute emergencies and full overhauls.

- Fully disassemble instrument
- Clean: tenons & receivers, shafts, hinge tubes, posts, tone holes, octave vents, body, bore, etc.
- Remove any noticeable rust from needle & flat springs

- Oil body & bore
- Polish mechanism: posts, hinge tubes, pad cups, touch plates, etc.
- Seal octave vents, replace pads
- Refresh logos
- Inspect bumper corks, replace as needed
- Inspect pads, replace as needed
- Inspect tenon (and bocal) corks, replace as needed
- Reassemble, test each pad for seal & suction; lubricate mechanism
- Refit (swage or countersink) loose keys
- Secure loose adjustment screws
- Check adjustments, play test

Complete Overhaul "OH" (Big job. Starting at \$900 for student models, and starting at \$1200 and up for professional models. If scheduled in advance, turnaround time is usually 3-4 business days. If you schedule regular cleanings, you probably won't ever need this)

- Everything listed above in the "Standard Cleaning/COA," and also...
- Replace all bumper corks
- Replace all pads
- Replace all tenon (and bocal) corks

Crack Repair (Cost and turnaround time will vary)

Depending on the location and severity of the crack, we will discuss options:

- Scrape out, clean, fill, and resurface the crack
- Install pins (\$50/each)
- Drill out and replace tone holes (\$100/each)