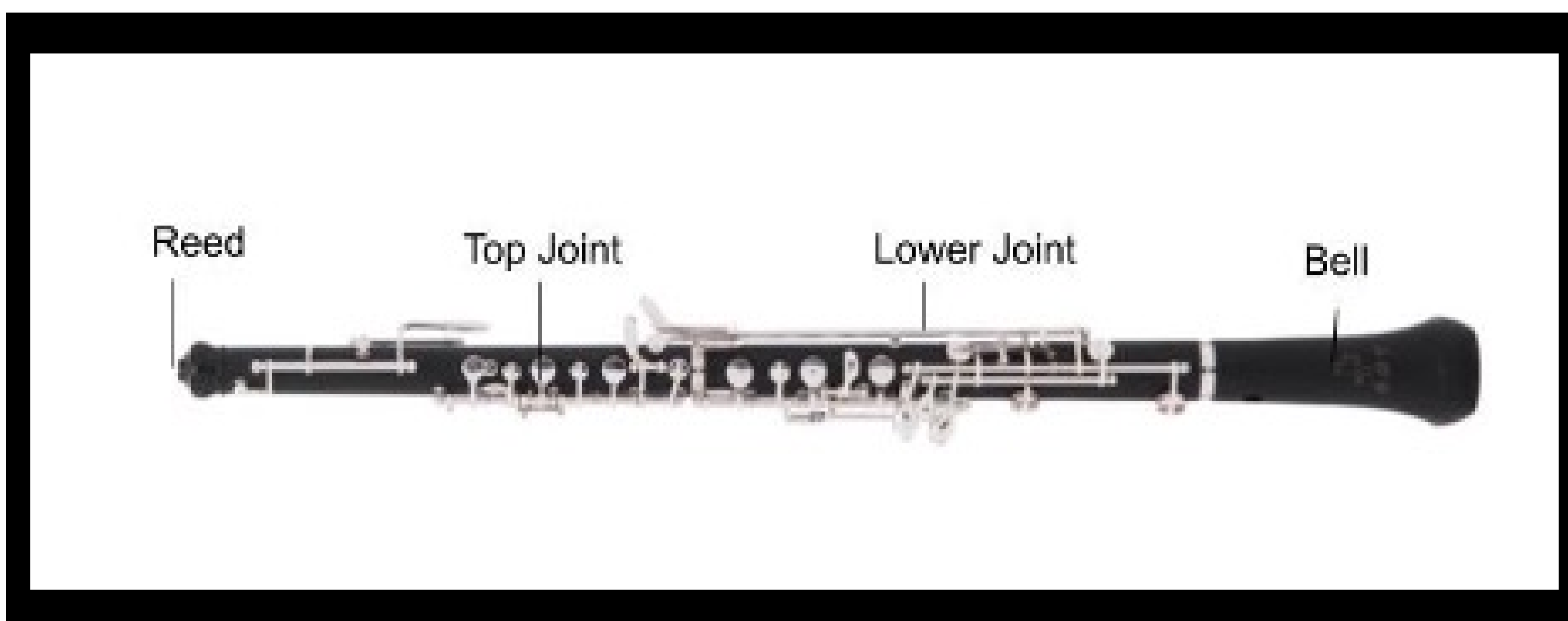


The Oboe



The Facts

- The oboe is a member of the Woodwind family.
- The oboe is a medium-high sounding instrument that requires lots of air pressure to make a good sound!
- It uses a tiny “double reed” which is usually handmade by the player!
- The oboe is made out of wood and metal and gets bigger at the lower end, where it flares into the bell!
- The oboe plays a tuning note at the beginning of orchestra concerts.
- The oboe was not invented until the 1600s but it is believed to have been descended from the shawm - an instrument that dates back to 2800 BC.
- Oboes are commonly made from wood such as boxwood, vulcanite, rosewood, or granadilla.
- Oboes are commonly found in orchestras, chamber music, concert bands, folk music, jazz, pop, rock, and in film scores.

Pieces to listen to:

- Johann Sebastian Bach's Brandenburg concertos 1 and 2
- Madeleine Dring's Trio for oboe, flute and piano
- Harrison Birtwistle's Pulse Sampler
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C major.

Players to listen to:

Nancy Rumbel
Marcel Ponseele
Jennifer Paull
Heinz Holliger
Francois Leleux
Eugene Izotov