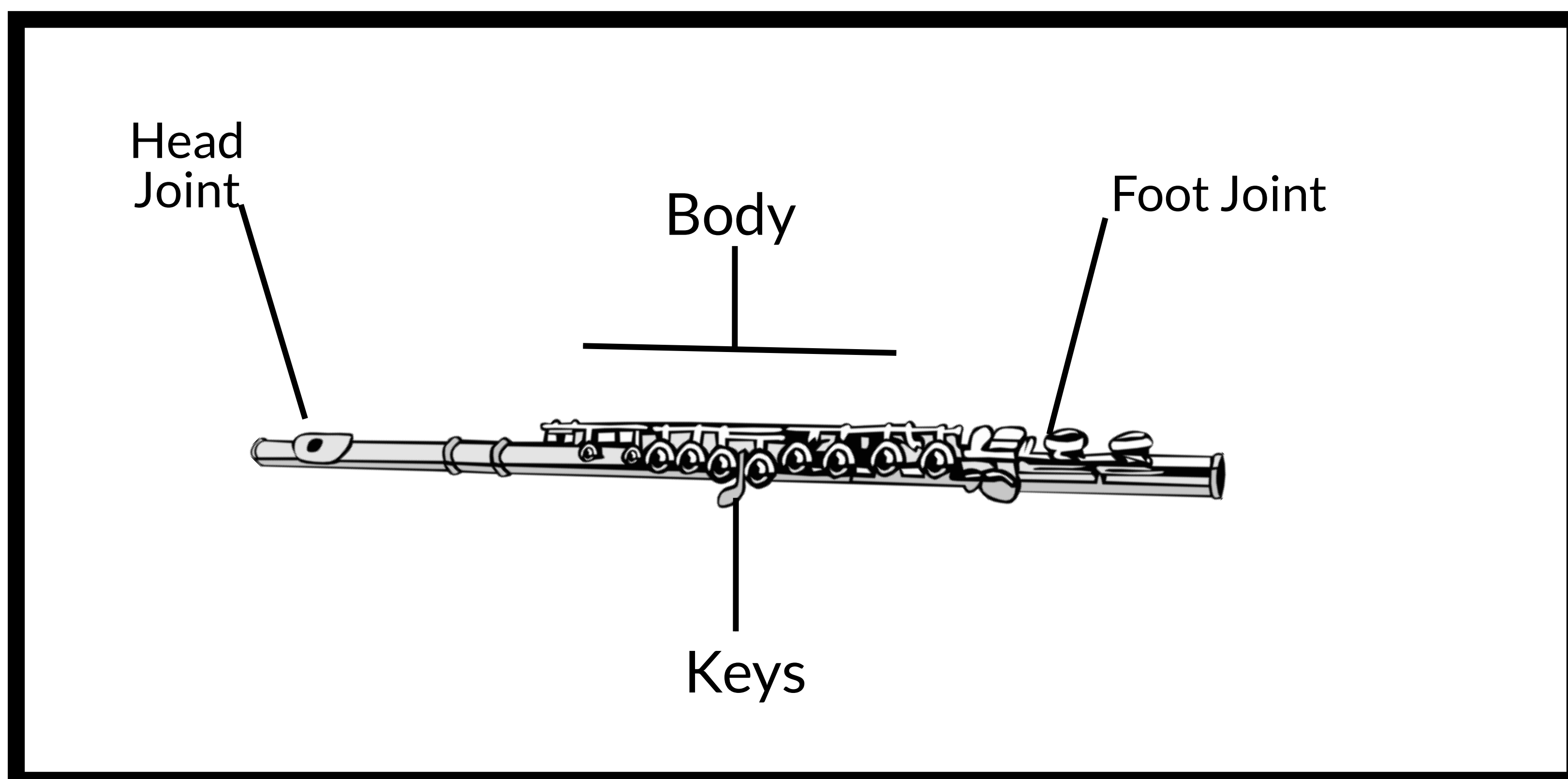


# The Flute



## The Facts

- Flutes have been made out of lots of different materials throughout history including: bone, wood, glass, ivory, plastic, resin, brass, nickel silver, silver, gold and platinum.
- The earliest use of the word “flute” was in the 14th century
- Flutes are considered one of the earliest instruments and date back to Germany over 35,000 years ago.
- The main ones are the bass flute; alto flute and piccolo although a contra-bass flute and even a subcontrabass flute also exist.
- The flute is the only woodwind instrument that does not use a reed.
- The flute requires the largest amounts of air amongst the wind instruments.
- The flute is a popular part of music production and sees frequent applications in orchestras, films, classical music, jazz, rock, and more.

### Pieces to listen to:

- Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 ‘Eroica’: IV. Finale (Allegro molto)
- Ravel: Daphnis et Chloé
- Rimsky-Korsakov: Russian Easter Festival Overture
- Rahsaan Roland Kirk: I Talk with the Spirits
- Telemann: Sonata for Two Flutes in D major

### Players to listen to:

- James Galway
- Emmanuel Pahud
- Matt Molloy
- Herbie Mann
- Bobbi Humphrey
- Jeanne Baxtresser