

# *Raven Flutes*

## *Baroque Flute Care*

Your flute is made from seasoned African Black Wood, Mopane or Boxwood and, as a natural material, will respond and develop with the right care.

To take care of your flute follow these guidelines:

- ◆ For the first week play it for up to fifteen minutes once or twice a day , then half an hour a day for a couple of weeks. Then gradually increase your playing times
- ◆ Always dry the flute after playing with an absorbent cloth and the cleaning stick. Separate the flute joints when not being played.
- ◆ Avoid rapid changes of humidity and temperature and warm the flute with your hands, or under your arm, before playing
- ◆ Oil the flute bore occasionally using Tung oil\* with a cloth or piece of sponge on the cleaning stick. Leave it for a few hours and then use a dry cloth to wipe out the bore leaving a very thin coat of oil. It has been oiled before delivery to you
- ◆ Polish the outside of the flute when needed with a little beeswax polish
- ◆ The tenons are wrapped with normal black cotton; rub them regularly with cork grease. Adjust the amount of cotton if a tenon becomes too loose or tight, it should slide easily into the socket and not allow the joint to wobble.

*\* Tung oil is a nut oil so take care if you have a nut allergy. It can be obtained in some DIY stores.*

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