

From recorder to Clarinet

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The recorder

Recorder is an easy wind instrument to learn, because recorder's notes are easy to remember.

It is possible to learn recorder without music theory with Muse Score software.

The recorder

The recorder contains two octaves to learn. Indeed, the high notes are not learned, because they are difficult to play. To play recorder's high notes, it is necessary to remove the thumb from the hole on the back of recorder

The blowtorch

Before using a clarinet, there are blowtorches that we play with a clarinet mouthpiece while playing flute. The clarinet mouthpiece includes a reed, that is to say a reed, with the mouthpiece in black.



It can be made of plastic or ebony. Here on the left, a Saxonett at the top and a Clarineau at the bottom.

The blowtorch

Saxonetts can use any reed. On the other hand, it just allows you to play the notes of the flute. The Clarineau, at the bottom, allows you to extend the range of notes, but it just has a plastic mouthpiece.



As blowtorch, there is also the Xaphoon.

Playing with a reed

The reed should be on mouth's lower lip. The black and high part of the mouthpiece should be against the teeth. Thus, buffers are used, so as not to damage the torch's nozzle.

If you can't play with a reed, ask for an introductory stage.

Playing with a blowtorch

We then play the same scores as a flute with a reed sound, which does not yet correspond to clarinet.

We won't be fair every time. Indeed, it is about blowing as soon as we want to place a note, to put the tongue on the mouthpiece quickly when we want to unlink notes.

Buying a clarinet

To buy a clarinet there are second-hand clarinet sales stores, which can sell you a good-quality clarinet for € 500. Otherwise a clarinet costs € 800 new for a suitable sound. Clarinets under €400 have flaws.

Playing with a clarinet

The right thumb allows you to carry the clarinet. The keys allow, if there are at least 17, to easily play.

There are sheets that create the correspondence between the notes of music theory and clarinet. But be aware that the clarinet is shifted from the real notes. Indeed the most played clarinet is in B flat.

Learning clarinet

You have to learn with a teacher to learn clarinet or saxophone. You can find teachers on ad sites or on your neighborhood house.

To go further

Websites like musescore or freescore allow you to find sheet music to play. Muse score is also a software that allows you to adapt your scores to learn fingering.

Conclusion

The clarinet is a high-end instrument, which requires maintenance, in particular with a rag that allows it to be cleaned. You will have to go back to the store that sold you your clarinet, because the clarinet ages quickly. Your clarinet will be like new with each revision.