Looking After Your Trumpet

Care Instructions:



PURCHASE:

- Silver Cleaning cloth from any supermarket to shine trumpet and prevent tarnish
- "Fast Oil" for oiling valves (small clear bottle found in music stores approx \$11.00)
- 'Pull through' brush from music store specific to trumpet
- Brass mouthpiece cleaner from music store

AFTER EVERY PLAY:

- Wipe over external trumpet with a "Goddards" or similar 'silver cleaning cloth', particularly around the valve casing. Depending on the amount of the acid produced by the individual player, the tendency to tarnish will vary.

VALVES:

TOP END: - At least twice a week, oil valves with "Fast Oil" this way: ALWAYS *FIRST* wipe off the old oil including its residue with an old (lint free) cloth, like a hanky or similar. Then apply new oil.

BOTTOM END: - I x a month wipe inside the bottom cap, removing all gunk

REMOVE VALVE: - Take off both ends and clean cylinders with poker + old cleaning cloth.

MOUTH PIECE:

Keep clean with a brush + hankie. This will mean that further down the trumpet tube will not accumulate gunk.

SLIDES:

I x a month: wipe off the external of the "U" with a lint free cloth. Apply new Vaseline. Clean inside of the "U" with the Pull – brush.

WHOLE TRUMPET: - Trumpet Bath!

In a laundry tub (any large tub) every 3 -4 months give your trumpet a bath! Remove valves and then (cold or warm – NEVER HOT). Pour into upturned bell of trumpet and tip + continually rotate trumpet to work solution through trumpet to work solution through until it comes out of the mouthpiece. After bath, rinse in clean water cleaning the inside of the trumpet (and slides) with the pull through cleaner. Re-oil valves and re-vasoline slides. Dry with a soft cloth.