

Oboe



<p>Who can play the oboe? Is there a recommended age, or can size or teeth be an issue?</p>	<p><i>Adult teeth are needed to play the oboe. 'Double reed' instruments, like the oboe, are technically demanding and so are not recommended for complete beginners or younger children</i></p>
<p>If it is not suitable for everyone, what alternative instrument would you recommend and why?</p>	<p><i>A single reed woodwind instrument would be suitable for younger children or beginners. These include the clarinet and saxophone. Recorder and flute are also recommended for beginners. These instruments do not require the use of a reed</i></p>
<p>What qualities of the oboe are special?</p>	<p><i>The oboe has a unique sound and is easily recognisable. The double reed gives it a distinctive sound</i></p>
<p>Learning to play any musical instrument develops lots of new skills. What are the particular benefits of playing the oboe?</p>	<p><i>Oboists have excellent technical discipline and can carry the melody in an orchestra Oboe players are always in demand in orchestras</i></p>
<p>How are oboes similar/different to other woodwind instruments?</p>	<p><i>Oboes look similar to clarinets but the double reed is the most recognisable difference. There is no mouthpiece on an oboe and the reed can be seen protruding from the top of the instrument</i></p>
<p>Are there any famous musicians or pieces associated with the oboe?</p>	<p><i>The Duck in 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofiev, Strauss 'Oboe Concerto', Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky. Search online for the Royal Danish Oboes' performance of Beethoven's 'Oboe Trio'</i></p>