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OBOE

Instructor: Andrea Shaheen
Monday – Friday
11:20 AM – 12:35 PM

MONDAY

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Oboists may sound different, but uniquely beautiful! Today's lesson focuses on honing individuals' fundamental sound.

- 11:00-11:10** Introduction, Ice Breaker
- 11:10-11:20** We will listen to oboists from around the world and discuss how different reed and embouchure styles can impact our core sound.
- 11:20-11:35** Sound Games. We will practice making a good embouchure and “crow” on the reed. Then, we will play and experiment with the ways that our embouchure can affect tuning and sound with the reed on the oboe.
- 11:35-11:50** Scale Sessions. We will work on the D major scale, the natural scale of the oboe.
- 11:50-12:35** Studio Time: 2 or 3 students will volunteer or be selected to play and receive constructive feedback from Dr. Shaheen.

TUESDAY

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Practicing is not just a solo endeavor! We will discuss the importance of practice, constructive practice, and how it helps you develop into a great ensemble player.

- 10:00-11:10** Introduction, Ice Breaker
- 11:10-11:20** Embouchure exercises. We will learn Dr. Shaheen's three embouchure steps to building tone and stamina.
- 11:20-11:35** Tuning the orchestra or band. Today we will discuss the importance of serving as the tuning pitch for ensembles and go over tips for successful ensemble tuning.
- 11:35-11:50** Gotta eat your veggies! Students will learn and play examples of daily scale exercises and practice routines.
- 11:35-12:15** Studio Time: 2 or 3 students will volunteer or be selected to play and receive constructive feedback from Dr. Shaheen.

WEDNESDAY

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Do you make your own reeds? If so, bring your tools for a “Show and Tell”!

11:00-11:10 Introduction, Ice breaker

11:10-11:20 Tuning Game. Students will work on a group tuning exercise in the form of a fun game.

11:20-11:35 Oboe Reed-Making Desk Tour. Take a tour of Dr. Shaheen’s reed-making desk and learn about the basics of reed making.

11:35-12:35 Studio and Feedback Time. All students will play and receive feedback with time for questions on specific works, fingerings, challenges on the instrument, etc.

THURSDAY

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Jazz oboe? Broadway? Today we will explore the diverse musics that can include the oboe and discuss how to forge your own, unique path as a musician!

11:00-11:10 Introduction, Ice breaker

11:10-11:40 Repertoire for the oboe. What does the oboe play? Today we will discuss the different, typical contexts that feature the oboe, and explore emerging and lesser-known ones.

11:40-12:35 Sight reading. All oboists will sight read some surprise tunes for each other.

FRIDAY

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What does it mean to become a professional musician? How can I succeed? Come ready to ask Dr. Shaheen anything and everything about living life as a musician.

11:00-11:10 Introduction, Ice breaker

11:10-12:00 What did you find? We will share any recordings and pieces that we found following our discussion the day before. We will work further on some of the pieces from Thursday and explore any new pieces presented during today’s session. Dr. Shaheen will work with each student to overcome any playing difficulties in any of the pieces.

12:00-12:35 Discussion: Open Q&A with Dr. Shaheen.