Instrument: Oboe

Magazine or Journal Title: Music Education Online

Citation:

Ramsey, Ginger B. *How to Buy an Oboe.* Music Education Online. http://www.childrensmusicworkshop.com/instruments/oboe/index.html (accessed Nov 30 2012).

Article Title: How To Buy an Oboe

Author: Ginger B. Ramsey

Summary (Outline form):

* Considerations when choosing an oboe
  + - * Your level of accomplishment, environment, mechanism, age of instrument, price and value
    - Level of instrument
      * Beginner- temporary, very basic, sometimes stripped down, cheap, can buy used, wood or plastic
      * Intermediate- for serious students and developing players, should have all essential key work, more expensive, plastic or wood, last until auditioning for conservatory level
      * Pro- wood, have all keys, silver keys, good sound
    - Key work system – conservatory
      * Has left f, low b flat, split e and third octaves
      * Simplified conservatory- for beginners, have basics, missing low b flat and f
      * Modified full conservatory- have all basics except maybe one but do not have fine detail keys
      * Full conservatory system- full key system
    - Wood vs. plastic
      * Weigh pros and cons and then do listening test
      * Some wooden oboes have a plastic liner still
      * Grenadilla is the wood choice, it sounds better but, requires more care and upkeep
      * Plastic is more durable and requires less maintenance but does not have as nice of a sound
      * Where will you be playing it?
    - Old or new instrument?
      * Check prices, condition of instrument, materials, warranties, retail value
    - Need a case
    - Get advice from your teacher
    - Find out return policies