

Equipment Recommendations

To help guide the decision-making process for choosing equipment, we have created a list of mouthpieces, saxophones, and reeds that are categorized by level of performer, as well as providing the price of each item. We also felt it would be informative to also include what each of us (the co-authors) currently perform on for your reference.

Equipment Categorized by Level of the Performer

Please Note: The prices listed here are reflective of common prices in 2021. They are shown here for the sake of comparison.

Mouthpieces	Reeds continued
<p><u>Budget Beginner Mouthpieces:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha 4C (\$30) • Rico Graftonite, B chamber (\$24) <p><u>Professional Classical Mouthpieces:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rousseau NC4 (\$90) • Vandoren AL3 (\$115) • Yanagisawa AC140 (\$130) • D’Addario Reserve D155 (alto) or D190 (tenor) (\$145) • Selmer s90 180 (\$160) • Selmer s80 C* (\$171) • Selmer Concept (\$257) <p><u>Professional Jazz Mouthpieces:</u> (HR = Hard Rubber; MT = Metal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jody Jazz HR (\$190-\$230) • Meyer HR (\$110-\$180) • Otto Link HR (\$90-\$160) / MT (\$200-\$250) • Vandoren Java HR (\$140) • D’Addario Select Jazz HR (\$160-\$210) <p style="text-align: center;">Reeds</p> <p><u>Reeds for Young Students (All Styles):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rico – Rico Royal (\$23-\$40) • Vandoren – Vandoren Juno (\$21-\$37) 	<p><u>Reeds for Advancing Students and Professionals:</u></p> <p>Concert/Classical Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D’Addario – Reserves (\$24-\$36) / Grand Concert Selects (\$27) • Vandoren – Traditional (\$21-\$45) / V12 (\$23-\$32) / V21 (\$30-\$40) <p><u>Reeds for Jazz Performance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D’Addario – Select Jazz (\$26-\$38) / Hemke (\$11-\$36) • Vandoren – Java (\$20-\$37) / ZZ (\$20-\$37) <p style="text-align: center;">Ligatures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rovner Star Series (\$19) • Bonade (\$24-\$28) • Rico H (\$37-\$50) • Rovner Versa (\$48-\$55) • Vandoren M/O (\$41-\$140) • Charles Bay (\$60) • BG (\$60-\$123) • Vandoren Optimum (\$70-\$95) • Francois Louis Ultimate (\$75-\$95) • Ishimori (\$140-\$250) • Yany Sixs (\$165) • Silverstein (\$200-300)

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Neck Straps

- Rico (\$14)
- Rico Padded (\$17)
- Yamaha Alto Strap (\$16)
- Woodstone (\$50)
- Vandoren V Strap
- Air Music Strap (\$95)
- Oleg (\$79)

Harnesses

- Breathtaking (\$240)
- Jazz Lab (\$50)
- BG Harness (\$41)
- Deluxe Newbury Street (\$70)
- Hooki (\$110)

Saxophones

Beginner Saxophones:

- Selmer 400,600 (\$2,391)
- Conn-Selmer Prelude (\$899)
- Yamaha-26, 200 (\$2,242)

Intermediate Saxophones:

- Yanagisawa WO-1 (\$3,473)
- Selmer Axos (\$3,349)
- Yamaha- 480 (\$2,777) / 52 \$999-\$1500 (mostly found used, eBay)
- Chateau CAS 50C (\$1795)

Professional Saxophones:

- Selmer Serie II, III, Supreme (~\$7,000)
- Yamaha 62 / 82Z / 875EXII (\$4,289)

Edward Goodman's Setup

Soprano: Classical

- Selmer Series 3 Jubilee, brushed lacquered
- Ligature – Ishimori Solid Silver
- Mouthpiece – Selmer Concept
- Reeds – D'Addario Reserve 3.5

Soprano: Jazz

- Selmer Series 3 Jubilee, brushed lacquered
- Ligature – Rovner Eddie Daniels
- Mouthpiece – BARI 68
- Reeds – Hemke 3

Alto: Classical

- Selmer Supreme
- Ligature – Ishimori Solid Silver/Gold Plated
- Mouthpiece – S 90 180 (Selmer)
- Reeds – D'Addario Grand Concert Selects 3 ½

Alto: Jazz

- Selmer Supreme
- Mouthpiece – Selmer Soloist E (scroll shank)
- Ligature – Francois Louis "Ultimate"
- Reeds – D'Addario Hemke 3 (Unfiled)

Tenor: Classical

- Yamaha Custom 875
- Ligature – Rovner Versa
- Mouthpiece – D'Addario Reserve D190
- Reeds – D'Addario Reserve 3.0+

Tenor: Jazz

- Yamaha Custom 875
- Mouthpiece – Jody Jazz 7*
- Ligature – Rovner Versa
- Reeds – Select Jazz 3M (Unfiled)

Baritone: Classical or Jazz

- Mouthpiece – Selmer S 90 190
- Ligature – Ishimori Gold Plated
- Reeds – D'Addario Reserve 3.0+

Jordan VanHemert's Setup

Soprano: Classical or Jazz

- Vandoren SP3 Mouthpiece
- Vandoren V12 3.5 reeds
- Vandoren V16 S7 Mouthpiece
- Selmer Series III soprano saxophone

Alto: Classical

- Vandoren Profile AP2 Mouthpiece
- Vandoren M/O Ligature
- Vandoren Traditional 3.5 reeds
- Vandoren V16 A6S+ Mouthpiece
- Vandoren M/O Ligature
- Vandoren Java Red 3 reeds
- Selmer Supreme alto saxophone

Alto: Jazz

- Vandoren V16 A6S+ Mouthpiece
- Vandoren M/O Ligature
- Vandoren Java Red 3 reeds
- Selmer Mark VI alto saxophone

Tenor: Classical or Jazz

- Vandoren V5 T20
- Vandoren V16 T7L
- Vandoren Optimum or MO Ligature
- Vandoren Java Red 3 reeds
- Selmer Mark VI tenor saxophone

Jonathan Hulting-Cohen's Setup

Sopranino: Classical or Jazz

- Selmer S80 C* mouthpiece refaced by Jeffrey Siegfried
- Légère Signature 3.5 reeds
- Silverstein Cryo4 ligature
- Selmer Series II lacquer

Soprano: Classical or Jazz

- Backun TM mouthpiece
- D'Addario Reserve 3.5 reeds
- Silverstein Hexa ligature
- Selmer Series III lacquer

Alto: Classical or Jazz

- D'Addario Reserve D155 mouthpiece with D'Addario Reserve or VENN 3 or 3.0+ reeds
- D'Addario Jazz Select D5M with Hemke 3.0+ reeds
- Yany Sixs ligature
- Selmer Series II lacquer with solid silver neck

Tenor: Classical or Jazz

- D'Addario Reserve mouthpiece with D'Addario Reserve 3.0+ or Venn 3.0+ reeds and Silverstein Cryo4 ligature
- D'Addario Jazz Select mouthpiece with Hemke 3.0+ reeds and D'Addario H Ligature
- Selmer Series III lacquer

Baritone: Classical or Jazz

- Selmer S90 190 or S80 C* mouthpiece
- D'Addario Reserve 3.0+ or 3.5 reeds
- Silverstein Hexa ligature
- Selmer Series II silver plated

Jeff Siegfried's Setup

Soprano: Classical or Jazz

- Selmer Concept mouthpiece
- Legere Signature 4 reeds
- Rovner Versa Ligature
- Selmer Series III with solid silver neck

Alto: Classical

- Selmer S90 180 mouthpiece
- Legere Signature 3.75 reeds
- Ishimori Brushed Gold Ligature
- Selmer Series III with solid silver neck

Alto: Jazz

- Morgan Jazz 7M with homemade baffle
- Legere American Cut 2.75 reeds
- Rovner Versa Ligature
- Selmer Series III with solid silver neck

Tenor: Classical

- Selmer S90 180 mouthpiece
- Leger Signature 3.75 reeds
- Stock ligature with a missing screw!
- Selmer Series III with rose gold neck

Tenor: Jazz

- Otto Link Metal 9* with homemade baffle
- Legere American Cut 2.5 reeds
- Otto Link Metal Ligature
- Selmer Series III with rose gold neck