

Clarinet Fundamentals: Intonation by Mark Agostinelli

Intonation is one of the most important aspects of playing the clarinet. It is the ability to produce notes that are in tune with each other. Good intonation is essential for playing in an ensemble or with other musicians, and it can also make your playing sound more pleasing to the ear. There are many factors that affect intonation, including your embouchure, air support, finger technique, and reed selection. In this article, we will discuss each of these factors in detail and provide some tips for improving your intonation.



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Embouchure

Your embouchure is the position of your mouth on the mouthpiece. It is one of the most important factors that affect intonation. The embouchure should be firm and even, with the lips rolled over the teeth and the corners of the mouth drawn back. If your embouchure is too tight, the pitch will be sharp.

If it is too loose, the pitch will be flat. It is important to find a comfortable embouchure that allows you to play with good intonation and a clear tone.

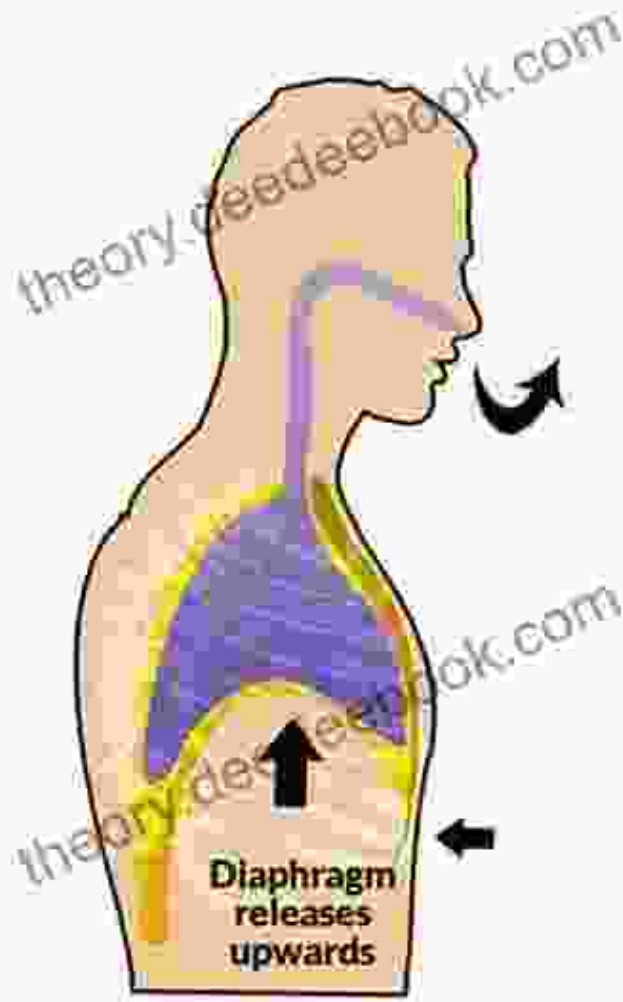


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Air Support

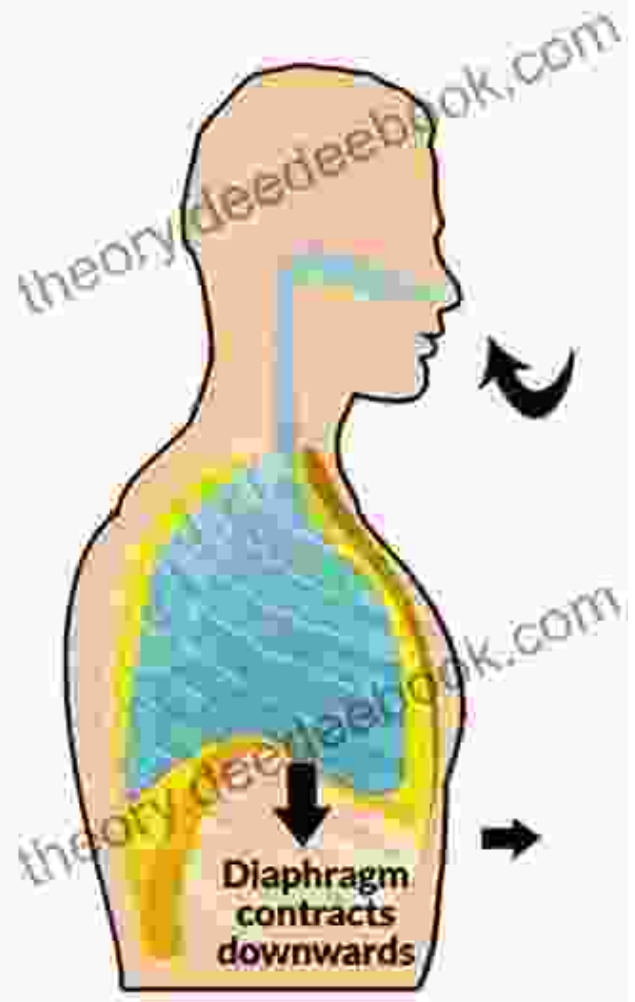
Air support is the amount of air that you push through the clarinet. It is another important factor that affects intonation. Too much air will cause the pitch to be sharp, while too little air will cause the pitch to be flat. You need to find the right balance of air support that allows you to play with good intonation and a full, rich tone.

Outbreath



ABDOMEN FALLS BACK

Inbreath



ABDOMEN EXPANDS

The diaphragm is an important muscle for providing air support.

Finger Technique

Finger technique is the way that you use your fingers to cover the holes on the clarinet. It is important to have good finger technique in order to play with good intonation. If your fingers are not covering the holes completely, the pitch will be flat. If your fingers are covering the holes too much, the

pitch will be sharp. It is important to practice your finger technique regularly so that you can develop the dexterity and accuracy needed for good intonation.



Good finger technique is essential for good intonation.

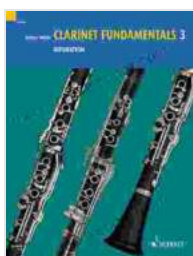
Reed Selection

Reed selection is also an important factor that affects intonation. The strength of the reed will affect the pitch of the clarinet. A stronger reed will produce a higher pitch, while a weaker reed will produce a lower pitch. It is important to choose a reed that is appropriate for your skill level and the type of music that you are playing. If you are not sure which reed to choose, you can ask your clarinet teacher for advice.



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Intonation is an important aspect of playing the clarinet. It is affected by many factors, including your embouchure, air support, finger technique, and reed selection. By understanding these factors and practicing your intonation regularly, you can improve your playing and sound more like a professional.



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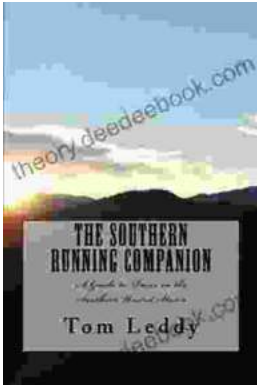
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