

THE DEL RIO MINI SAX

The Del Rio Mini Sax is a most unusual musical instrument that combines the big sound of the saxophone with some of the qualities of the clarinet. The Mini Sax is very easy to play, place the reed even with the top of the mouthpiece, then pull the ligature ring tightly down the mouthpiece, place half an inch of the mouthpiece into the mouth. The reed is resting on the lower lip, which is curled over the bottom teeth. The upper teeth are directly on the topside of the mouthpiece. Start with all holes open which is the highest note position #8, then with thumb cover back hole, then proceed slowly down the scale until you reach lowest note position #1 which is lowest note. You then blow fairly hard, but make sure that you do not bite down at all (as this will prevent the reed from vibrating properly and you will not be able to make a sound or a screeching sound may occur, also form a relaxed "O" shape with your mouth so no air escapes on the sides of the lips. if you hear only air with no sound, you are blowing way too softly...the harder you blow the easier it is but **NO BITING!** Sharps and Flats can be produced by covering half of an individual hole. Use alto sax reeds #1½ #2 or 2½

