

## **Oboe Instrument Information – Studio of Victoria Sabonjohn**

### **MODELS**

For a beginner I usually recommend renting a student model instrument made out of plastic with nickel-plated keys. It will be lighter, easier to maintain, and easier to start.

Intermediate oboes should have the basic "conservatory" system of all the keys, and be made of wood for a better sound.

An advanced or professional "full conservatory" oboe would have all the required keys plus a few extra for alternate fingerings, be made of wood, and silver-plated keys.

Here is an excellent article that has a lot of information - <http://oboes.com/selecting.html>

### **BRANDS**

Recommended beginner oboe brands include Fox, Selmer and Yamaha.

Intermediate brands are Buffet, Cabart (by Loree), and Yamaha.

Professional oboe brands are Loree (what I play on exclusively), Howarth, Marigaux, Rigoutat, and Yamaha.

### **ONLINE RETAILERS**

Online retailers for purchasing instruments that I am familiar with and can recommend are [Hannah's Oboes](#), [Woodwind and Brasswind](#), [Forrests](#), [Coelho](#), and [Jeanne](#).

### **LOCAL RETAILERS**

[Bertrand's Pedersen's Band and Orchestra](#): 2618 W Burbank Blvd, Burbank, CA 91505 (818) 848-9665

- Used oboes for rent at \$50 a month, new at \$68 a month
- Rent to own option – 12 months of rent can be applied toward a purchase of a new instrument
- Yamaha YOB-241, YOB-441, Selmer

## Oboe Instrument Information – Studio of Victoria Sabonjohn

[Bertrand's Old Town Music](#): 145 Vista Ave, Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 793-4730

-Same instruments and policies as Pedersen's

[RDG Woodwinds](#): 589 North Larchmont Blvd., 2nd Fl. Los Angeles, CA 90004 (323)463-4930

-Best place in Los Angeles to purchase a new or used oboe!

-Patricola or Bolderone wooden rental \$80 a month, 6 month minimum

[Michele Forrest](#): 2564 Lake Ave, Altadena, CA 91001 (626) 345-1730

-Sells high quality used oboes after being refurbished

-No rental program

Other options for student model oboe rentals in the west Valley include [Baxter Northrup](#), [Nick Rail](#), [West Valley](#), among others.

### REPAIR SHOPS:

Most places that rent oboes will have repairs as part of the rental contract. To ensure your repair technician knows how to repair oboes, visit one of the repair persons at the following local specialty shops:

[Michele Forrest](#): 2564 Lake Ave, Altadena, CA 91001 (626) 345-1730

-Both student and professional model oboe and English horn repair

[RDG Woodwinds](#): 589 North Larchmont Blvd., 2nd Fl. Los Angeles, CA 90004 (323)463-4930

-Intermediate or professional model repairs only