

## *Learn To Play*

Place the thin end of the reed in your mouth to moisten it while you assemble the rest of the saxophone. If the neck cork is dry, rub a small amount of cork grease on it before assembly.

Hold the body of the saxophone with your left hand and remove the end plug. Gently twist the neck into the body with your right hand, taking care to avoid bending the octave mechanism. Tighten the neck screw.

Twist the mouthpiece onto the neck so that approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the cork remains uncovered. With the ligature already around the mouthpiece, slide the thick end of the reed under the ligature and align the tip of the reed with the tip of the mouthpiece. Tighten the ligature screws to hold the reed firmly in place.

Put the neck strap around your neck and attach the hook to the ring on the back of the saxophone. Adjust the length of the strap so you can comfortably put the mouthpiece in your mouth.