

## **MRS - Mechanical Restoration System**

Bernd Schille answering common questions

### *What is MRS?*

“MRS is a new approach to clarinet overhauls. In this system, I combine contemporary repair techniques with the art of handmade clarinet making. This system is all-embracing: this means that every aspect of the instrument is analysed and modified to its best possible results: technical, optical, acoustical, intonation issues.”

### *What is done on my clarinet with MRS?*

“That is very simple: everything is done! Before I start with the MRS, I subject the clarinet to a meticulous analysis. On the basis of my experience as repairer, clarinet maker and clarinetist, I will decide then which specific materials I will use and which actions I will undertake. A general work description in detail cannot be made in advance, because each clarinet needs to be looked at and treated individually.”

### *Can MRS be done on any clarinet?*

“Yes. But I would recommend it only on clarinets of the professional range, regardless the age.”

### *Can I choose different options within MRS?*

“No. MRS is a complete concept that includes all aspects for optimal result.”

### *Can I choose from different pad styles?*

“No. I use for each clarinet individually chosen professional pads. This is important in order to achieve for each instrument the optimal sound. The pad combinations can therefore vary from clarinet to clarinet.”

### *Can MRS change the original sound of my clarinet?*

“Absolutely no. It is not the goal of MRS to change the sound character of the clarinet, but to enhance the personal qualities of this particular instrument.”

### *Does MRS improve the intonation of my clarinet?*

“Yes, definitely.”

### *Does MRS include work on the wooden body?*

“Of course! All wooden parts are rebuilt to perfection and the protection of the wood will be better than with new instruments. This also includes a special master polishing of the bore.”

### *Is it possible to add an extra key or modify a key?*

“Yes, it is possible. But it is not included in the price of the MRS.”

### *Can MRS bring back my clarinet back to the condition as when it was new?*

“Condition of new is great, but not great enough for MRS. I do not orientate my standard on new clarinets, my demands are clearly higher. MRS includes also, if necessary, a new silver plating...”

*How long does it take to finish MRS on my clarinet?*

“Approximately 2-4 weeks, depending if silver plating is needed. When placing a MRS order, you will get a definite date of finishing. This date is guaranteed!”

*What is the price of MRS?*

“For MRS we have one fixed price. For one Bb, A, C or Eb clarinet (French system), no matter which brand or age, the price is SEK 6500 inclusive VAT. Export price without VAT: SEK 5200. This price includes even free shipment within EU with UPS (pick-up service at your home and sent back door-to-door). For overseas, we charge for this shipment service additional SEK 500.”

*Is there a warranty on MRS?*

“Yes. MRS is made to last for many, many years and I give one year of warranty on my work.”

*Is shipment safe to your workshop in Sweden and back?*

“Yes, without doubt. We are exclusively using door-to-door shipment with UPS. The instrument is never given out of hands of UPS and you can track all way in real time.”