## Flicking A, I Just Need to Vent, Half-Hole!

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Half-holes and venting/flicking allow notes to speak clearly without overcompensating with breath. In these exercises, repeated measures are to be repeated until the the notes speak *consistently* clean before moving to the next measure."b" lines are to be played only when the corresponding numbered line can be played *comfortably and consistently*. "Venting" refers to holding down a blue-shaded (speaker) key for the duration of the note, while "flicking" refers to quickly pressing and releasing for the start of the note. Since flicking often developes out of necessity, venting is recommended initially.



## But wait. . . THERE'S MORE!

D4 benefits greatly if your bassoon has a high D key (skip this line if you don't have one).



 $F\sharp 3$  requires a half-hole that is a bit larger than the one used for G.







