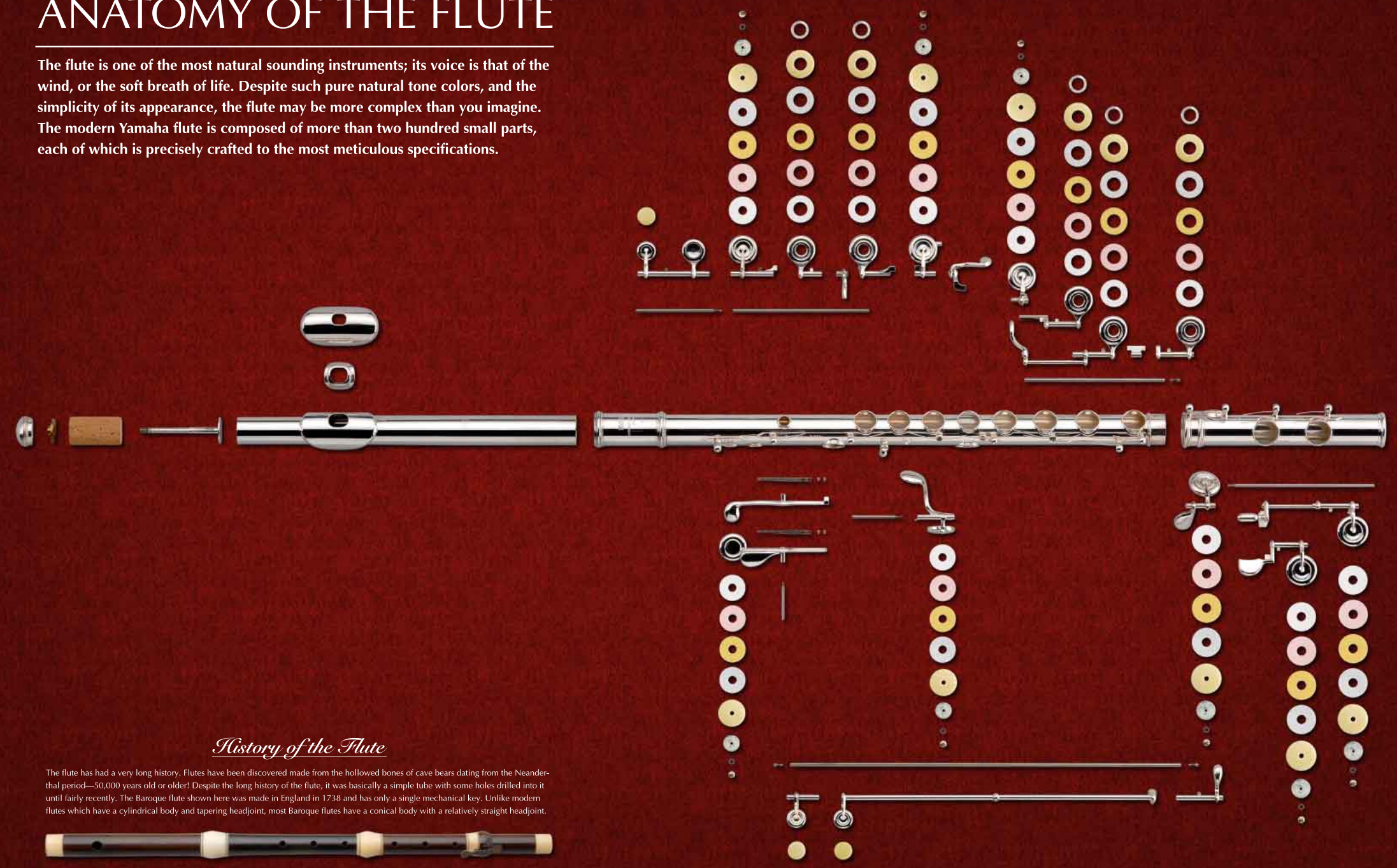




ANATOMY OF THE FLUTE

The flute is one of the most natural sounding instruments; its voice is that of the wind, or the soft breath of life. Despite such pure natural tone colors, and the simplicity of its appearance, the flute may be more complex than you imagine. The modern Yamaha flute is composed of more than two hundred small parts, each of which is precisely crafted to the most meticulous specifications.



History of the Flute

The flute has had a very long history. Flutes have been discovered made from the hollowed bones of cave bears dating from the Neanderthal period—50,000 years old or older! Despite the long history of the flute, it was basically a simple tube with some holes drilled into it until fairly recently. The Baroque flute shown here was made in England in 1738 and has only a single mechanical key. Unlike modern flutes which have a cylindrical body and tapering headjoint, most Baroque flutes have a conical body with a relatively straight headjoint.