

H1 - Learn the Brass Instrument of Your Choice

Brass instruments are an exciting addition to any musical ensemble or solo performance. With great trumpet, trombone, and French horn players scattered throughout music's history, it is no surprise that the clear, clean tones of brass instruments are still sought after. Today, you can hear brass instruments in everything from jazz and orchestral music to ska, pop, and hip hop. Whether you are interested in learning some trumpet jazz in the style of Dizzy Gillespie or you want to record some sweet backup samples, [Sloan School of Music](#) can help you [achieve your brass goals](#).

H2 - An Overview of Brass Instruments

Brass instruments unsurprisingly get their name because they are made of brass. These robust instruments can be heard from great distances and are the loudest instruments in an orchestra.

Early versions of brass instruments were made from a variety of different materials: wood, animal shells, tusks, and horns.

Brass instruments are long tubes that end in a bell shape. The tube and bell are crafted and bent into different shapes to make holding and playing the instruments easier.

Like woodwinds, brass instruments have mouthpieces. Brass instruments differ from woodwinds as instead of a reed, players buzz their lips against a metal mouthpiece. The mouthpiece is built to amplify the lips' buzzing to help produce the musical sounds. Buzzing your lips harder or softer changes the kind of sound produced.

Most brass instruments' pipes have valves fastened to them. When a player presses down on the button-like valves, this action opens and closes part of the instrument. This allows the player to change the pitch.

H2 - Types of Brass Instruments

Although there are many different variations, brass instruments can be broken down into five major categories.

H3 - Trumpets – These are the highest-pitched members of the brass family. They are also the smallest, making them a popular choice for beginning players. The cornet is very similar to a trumpet. The differences between it and the trumpet are so small that many band instructors don't bother to point out the differences for beginners.

H3- Trombones – This is a unique instrument among the brass family. Instead of using valves to change the pitch, trombones use a long slide. They are regarded as 'low brass' in pitch.

H3 – French Horns – At a slightly larger size than the trumpet, French horns have lower pitches. Known for its beautiful sound, French horns are somewhat challenging for beginners to learn.

H3 – Baritones & Euphonium – Like trumpets and cornets, baritones and euphoniums are very similar. Many music teachers don't break down the differences of each for beginning students. Think of these as a half-sized tuba or a trumpet that's twice as big.

H3 – Tubas & Sousaphones – Once again we have two instruments which are so similar many music teachers don't bother explaining the differences to beginning players. Tubas and Sousaphones are the largest brass instruments, and their pitches are very low.

The variety of sounds in brass instruments comes in handy as there are usually eleven to fourteen of these instruments in an orchestra. Most brass instruments would be too large and unwieldy to play if the pipes were not bent and fashioned into more manageable sizes. Trumpets would be over six feet long while French horns would be 18 feet!

H2 - The Benefits of Brass Lessons at the Sloan School of Music

We at the Sloan School of Music pride ourselves on delivering the best music lessons possible. You (or your child) will learn to play beautiful music by our highly qualified instructors, but that's not all.

Your lessons will help you (or your child) in other areas of life. Music lessons have been shown to help improve memory, communication, and problem-solving abilities. Your brain gets a "[full workout](#)" when playing music!

People who learn music learn problem-solving abilities, how to work well in a group, and personal discipline.

H2 - Frequently Asked Questions about Brass Instrument Lessons

When you begin music lessons, you are stepping into a whole new world of creative self-expression and fun. If you (or your child) have never taken music lessons before, you may have questions before you begin.

H3 - 1. How Young Can My Child Start Taking Brass Music Lessons?

For many instruments, a child can begin taking music lessons at age six. The most important thing to keep in mind is their ability to focus and concentrate. If your child can sit still and focus on one topic or idea for twenty minutes, then they're probably old enough. Because brass instruments are larger and heavier, [some experts](#) recommend that children wait until the ages of 8-10 before starting brass lessons. This comes down to a child's growth and physical strength.

H3 - 2. Will We Need to Buy a New Instrument?

Progress will be improved greatly if the player practices at home between lessons. Buying a new instrument is not the only option. Quality [used instruments](#) and rentals are available. Ask one of our experts to help you make the right choice for your budget.

H3 - 3. How Much Practice Does My Child Need?

The more you (or your child) practices between lessons, the faster you will improve. We recommend a schedule of practicing five or six days a week with sessions of 30-40 minutes each.

If you have other questions not covered by this FAQ, please reach out to our friendly staff. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. We want you to be fully informed and comfortable with your decision to take music lessons.

H2 - Brass Lessons at Two Convenient Locations

We offer two convenient locations for your musical needs, one in [Hagerstown](#), MD and the other in [Urbana](#), MD. Each store has a friendly staff with a deep knowledge about music, instruments, and a commitment to putting your needs above making a sale.

H2 – Three More Reasons to Choose the Sloan School of Music for Your Brass Lessons:

H3 - 1. Relaxing facilities. We know that parents and family members may be waiting during a student’s lesson. We want you to be comfortable, so each location has a spacious waiting area with free WIFI, easily accessible USB charging ports, and even a fridge stocked with ice cold beverages.

H3 - 2. A “teachers first” attitude. The Sloan School of Music was founded in 2019 by a group of teachers. Because not every musician can teach, our philosophy is to make sure our instructors are not only music *experts*, but also *expert teachers*.

H3 – 3. Group & private lessons. [Group lessons](#) help players learn to play in a group. [Private lessons](#) are perfect for helping players improve with individual attention. We can help you explore the option best for you or your child.

H2 - Brass Instrument Instructors

Ready to start your musical journey? Stop in for a visit. Our friendly staff will be happy to give you a tour and answer any questions you have. We can help you with instrument selection, scheduling, and choosing the right kind of lessons. Contact us today and we can help get you started.

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