

Welcome to Volume 14 of The BbTrumpet News Ezine.

I want to encourage more and more people to submit articles, transcriptions and CD and Tour Promos. Without them this would just be me rambling on about something. Other people make this interesting and worthwhile.

I also want to remind you all that this Ezine is free and you may distribute it in any way that you choose. The last on found its way on many Facebook pages, Myspace pages and personal web pages. Free sharing of info and ideas is the whole idea behind this project. (Of course if you wanted to buy someone's CD or a book then we won't complain.)

If you have a CD, tour, mouthpiece line, trumpet line, or gadget send me info for your FREE ad in the next issue. If you want to send an article, that would be most welcome too. The deadline to be included in Vol 15 is Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Send info to pops@BbTrumpet.com

Enjoy

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## What is perfect?

Last issue I wrote a little about a set of concerts and clinics with 25 world class trumpet players, that was held here in Dallas.

There was a "LIVE" CD recorded the 1<sup>st</sup> night.

The people that paid attention learned a lesson. These players could have played through their normal Orchestral music and NEVER made a mistake. This is because they have played that music thousands and thousands of times. But this performance was more like what the average player has to do. You have the music for a couple of weeks and then you rehearse it and perform it.

There is a HUGE difference between those 2 worlds of music. But so many people don't understand that.

One time during the night the recording manager shouted "Take 37, 3 bars before section B".

Seriously, for a "LIVE" CD.

They redid measures because a note was ghosted, because a slur allowed an extra note to slightly sound between the 2 written notes, because 1 player clammed an entrance, because 1 was slightly out of tune on a chord... Now these were all world class symphonic players and they had these slight imperfections in their performance.

I heard the 1<sup>st</sup> go through and the final go through. First I was full of JOY because there was an imperfection. (It told me that we all have hope.) But secondly imperfection adds a touch of life and reality. It has some shimmer and having heard the recording of both, I liked the imperfect version better. (How did I hear both recordings? Parts of the concert were recorded by people there. I didn't do it but since I wrote about the concert, I got some sound files sent to me).

Music from the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, was GREAT but they left the tiny imperfections in the recording. That actually ADDED to the live "FEEL" and it added excitement.

The perfection that was achieved by picking apart measures and splicing a couple of measures here and a couple there, sounds too mechanical. The pitch manipulation causes a loss of resonance and the overall effect while good isn't the same thrill that the old recordings with the imperfections had.

I know that many may disagree but the other point is that this FAKE perfection puts an unreachable goal out there for students that don't know the difference between really live and "LIVE".

I got a phone call from a student of mine that fits this topic. He has a degree in Trumpet Performance from North Texas (UNT) and a masters from Tenn. He has earned his living playing trumpet for at least 20 years. He called to bemoan the fact that he played 2 wrong notes during a live performance of Arban's Carnival of Venice.

We talked awhile and it still bothered him.

I told him to call Bobby Shew and ask him what he thought about when he played a wrong note. (I did that because I already knew what Bobby would say but I also knew that my student wouldn't believe me if I told him.)

He called Bobby Shew and asked what he thought about whenever he made a mistake or played a wrong note. Bobby said "I have never played a wrong note on stage."

Now we all know that isn't true but it shows that Bobby Shew spends his time thinking about the note that he is playing now and what the next note should sound like. NOT what the notes that he already played sounded like. We need to be in the music and NOT counting mistakes.

We need to be able to change our thinking as we change our playing venues. When we practice alone we have a different focus of thought from when we rehearse with the group and that is still different from how we should think during the concert. You often hear that we need to hear live music (especially the trumpets).

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People usually associate that with improv. Some really get that we need to hear the resonance to know what resonance is.

Both of those are correct. But we also need to hear live music to realize what good playing is.

We need to know the actual difference between the sanitized stuff that is sold as CDs and what real live music is.

I am not talking about garage bands that are years away from being decent. I am talking about good pro players that will occasionally be human and imperfect.

OK now WHY am I writing this?

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Have I gone completely insane?

Well, not completely.

Comeback players that I talk to often delay getting into groups to play in because they are NOT good enough. I laugh because in many community bands almost anyone could find a place. That is the reason for the community groups.

See they confuse CDS with live and they confuse pro with semi-pro with hobby...

They don't understand how these things fit together and they never will unless they get out there and hear every group that they can hear.

We NEED to strive for perfection but we also NEED to get out there and PLAY in public. The growth that we get from that can't be obtained in any other way. We don't have to worry because we are not perfect. NO player is.

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# Don't allow others to deceive you.

I give lessons to a lot of really good players and also to some really bad players (who need help and are working on getting better). I have also given lessons to those that are horrific and think that they are good. Watch the tryouts for shows like American Idol and you will see what I mean. I am about to explain how those people got so confused and how You are the person that needs to evaluate your own playing.

No matter what we do in life, people will offer opinions and critiques.

To understand this, all you have to do to to take a look at a mother's or grandmother's refrigerator. It will be covered in horrific artwork. The children who made that slop will be told how wonderful it is.

We all do this. I did it with my kids and the grand-kids.

But your parents are not the only people who LIE to you about how good you are.

If you have ever played at any Church or nursing home then you will have received praise for your performance, no matter how it really was. These places are places where we are supposed to get total acceptance. Taking their opinion as anything other than polite nonsense is going to cause trouble.

I have had people (I have never seen) sign up for a checkup lesson. They just want a little polish before their symphony audition. They show up and they don't own a C trumpet. They have never played an Eb or a picc in their entire lives and yet they are convinced that they are ready to audition for a paid orchestral position.

The worst part isn't that they are convinced they are ready even though they never played most of the excerpts, they can barely transpose and they don't own the correct horns for the job. The worst part is that those who lied to them should have been helping them instead. 2 of these people were told by their college trumpet professors that they were good enough to audition. (I understand sending younger players out to hear the competition. These students though were thinking that they had a good chance of getting the jobs.)

I had a man come for help with high notes because he was told at an audition for a TV Church job "you had the job until you missed the High C at the end". They LIED to him because the lie got him out the door with no hassles.

He came for his 1<sup>st</sup> lesson and played a C Major scale for his warm up. I heard a mess and turned on my recorder at the computer. I then told him that his biggest problem was that he had really bad intonation and played his warm up back for him to hear.

He didn't play whole step whole step half step. He played step  $1\frac{1}{4}$  step,  $\frac{3}{4}$  step,  $\frac{1}{4}$  step... nothing matched the intonation of the  $1^{st}$  note or the next note he played either.

He then said "That isn't me!!!!!!!!!!"

I then asked him to say his name and play it again. I played it back with him hearing me ask him to say his name and him saying his name. It was still a horrible mess and he then understood that his mom, his church and friends all gave him incorrect praise and he believed them. (He had never ever recorded his playing.)

I said incorrect praise because 1 they didn't lie (some of them will have thought he was a good player because they think anyone who can play anything is good), 2 because those places are starved for people to play there and everything is better than nothing, 3 they loved him and their opinions were clouded by that love.

Record yourself because the recording doesn't love us and doesn't give us incorrect assessments of our playing abilities. I think that we should record at least every week.

After you record it and listen to it, then pick something to fix. NOT 30 things but 1 thing. Fix that 1 thing and then pick another thing to fix. You will usually get to work on several things each week.

See picking 30-40 things just confuses you and it discourages you as well. But we can concentrate very well on 1 thing at a time and fix that.

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## **Mark Curry**

Embouchure (as applied to the trumpet)-

The lip tissue and supporting musculature associated with producing the buzz necessary to play any brass instrument.

Purpose-

The embouchure must be allowed to freely produce the vibrations with a minimum of effort and movement so that the player can perform efficiently.

Downfalls-

Lip Vibration can be hindered by a number of things...

**1**. Excessive mouthpiece pressure

2. Excessive muscle tension in the vibrating area of the embouchure inside the mouthpiece.

3. Incorrect placement of the mouthpiece on the lips (top to bottom lip ratio). Roughly 1/3 top lip to 2/3 bottom lip or a 50/50 placement works for most people.

4. Incorrect mouthpiece placement side to side.

Although accommodations for dental irregularities have to be made, roughly "in the center" should apply.

5. Incorrect mouthpiece angle. This is generally the result of dental irregularities or improper jaw position.

The key to finding the right angle for you is to pick a "target" note and attack the note while moving the horn slightly side to side, up and down until the note speaks clearly and can be attacked with little effort. This is the position where your embouchure is operating at peak efficiency. Every note on the horn can be played from this position by simply using faster or slower air!

While finding your "sweet spot" for mouthpiece placement, pay special attention to your top and bottom teeth position. They should be slightly apart. The specific distance will depend on your anatomy. Everyone is different in this respect.

There MUST be some distance between the top and bottom teeth AT ALL TIMES! This gap allows the lips (in the proper position) to vibrate freely. If the gap closes then the sound will become "pinched".

If this gap is exceeded and becomes too wide, the sound can become pinched as well, or airy in character, as the embouchure will become overly tense in an effort to support the wider aperture.

Learn to play from your sweet spot and let the air do most of the work...it will benefit you in terms of endurance, sound quality, and yes, range.

Things to remember:

**1**. Relax! Tension can be our biggest enemy!

2. THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE EASY!

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3. Minimize mouthpiece pressure!

4. Minimize muscle movement concerning the embouchure. Necessary movements of the embouchure are much, much smaller than most players realize.

5. Find your "Sweet Spot" and learn to play from that position. Very few players have that perfect "poster boy" embouchure.

6. Play 20-30 minutes out of the Arban book every day.

My warm-up consists of playing 6 Characteristic studies. I stop when tired and spread it out over 20 minutes or so. Then I move on to "practice".....

Do not neglect "soft and pretty".....it will enhance your High, Loud, and Nasty!!

'Nuff said.

Finally, Pops, many, many thanks to you and your knowledge of the trumpet and the embouchure. It has helped me immeasurably since my lesson with you!

Mark Curry

**Curry Precision Mouthpieces** 

#### www.currympc.com

Mark Curry has a line of mouthpieces based on Bach rims and diameters. These are very accurate and every diameter is available in several depths. All of the different depths have the same rim. (What a concept.) So you can have your Bach 1, 3

whatever with the very deep cup, deep cup, medium cup, medium shallow cup and shallow cup.

Mark also has a line of commercial mouthpieces with a softer bite on the rim in shallow and medium cups. These are in all sizes from .600 - .690 You have not lived until you play one of his flugel mouthpieces. The sound is like butter. He has REAL cornet pieces too.

Mark was in my house for a lesson not too long ago. He is a nice guy and understands what trumpet players go through.

Mark Curry- raised in the Chicago area, later received undergraduate and graduate degrees in trumpet performance from the University of Illinois and the University of Nevada, Reno.

Teachers over the years included Ray Sasaki, David Hickman, and Larry Engstrom. After road gigs playing lead trumpet for Woody Herman and Ray Charles for several years, he settled in Reno, Nevada, where he continues an active free-lance career.

Checkout his great mouthpieces at

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# **Giant Trumpet Shapes "Listen" To The Landscape**

http://www.fastcodesign.com/1670863/giant-trumpets-turn-the-gentle-sounds-ofnature-into-a-symphony#8

Kedleston Hall is home to a contemporary art program called Playful Spaces, which commissions British architects and artists to create site-specific art on the grounds. London architects Studio Weave unveiled their contribution to the program: the Hear Heres, a series of four unusual audio sculptures scattered across the estate's gardens.

The Hear Heres are, at their simplest, architectural follies. Each is sculpted from fiberglass and coated in zinc, propped up on steel stilts, positioned to amplify a particular type of sound.



One is pointed up in the air.

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Here is another, at a lake.



One is positioned to let visitors experiment by speaking into each end.

## **New Mouthpiece Video Book**

Mouthpiece guides all say the same thing about every mouthpiece. They are all made for a player with a strong, well trained, robust, good... embouchure.

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This is meaningless.

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They also say this gives a brighter sound but compared to what?

And just HOW much does it brighten it?

We all need to know this but we don't get the information from the charts.

Yes sometimes you can go play a new mouthpiece in a store but most people are limited in what is available locally. Plus we only hear what is behind the bell.

In this Ebook you hear what is out front and some things may surprise you. The point behind this Ebook is to teach you how to pick a perfect mouthpiece for YOU for the style and sound that you want. This book is almost like having a pro go with you to try mouthpieces. Mouthpieces: Mouthpieces: Mouthpieces: Just What Will It Sound Like? Copyright 2015 Clint 'Pops' McLaughlin

For the videos; I played a shallow cup

(Schilke a or Bach e), medium cup (Schilke b or Bach d), C cup, Combination Bach BC cup, deep cup (Schilke d or Bach b cup), a TC cup (Trumpet/Cornet), and a TF cup (Trumpet/Flugel). So I played 7 depths on the same diameter mouthpiece. I also play bored out throats against stock throats, and I play 4 mouthpiece depths with and without a mega sound sleeve.

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I played all of those so that you could tell how much or in some cases little difference there is between this depth and that depth.

One of the players was shocked by the sound he was getting on one mouthpiece. He thought that he was getting a much darker sound and the day after we did the videos he ordered an new mouthpiece. He and his college directors love the new sound.

The other players also use many different mouthpieces in the videos.

We all change depths often.

Later we start changing diameters (sizes) so that we can show what to look for in sizing a mouthpiece for you.

We get to the point where the mouthpiece is too small and you hear the distinct sound that makes. We point out how to tell and why it makes that sound.

We get to the point where the mouthpiece is too big and you can hear what that sounds like. Again we point out what the problem is and why it makes that sound.

This Ebook is 10 pages and there are 2 hours and 20 minutes of videos letting you hear several different players showing how changing mouthpieces affects the sound.

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www.bbtrumpet.com/Mouthpiecechoice.html

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## Toys for players.

Pedals:

**Pigtronix Distortion** 

Pigtronix Envelope Phaser (Bernie Worrell Edition)

www.pigtronix.com

Dunlop 95Q

http://www.jimdunlop.com/product/95q-cry-baby-wah-wah

EHX Pog 2 - Poly-octave generator

http://www.ehx.com

**Boss RV5 - Reverb** 

Boss GE7 - EQ

http://www.bossus.com

**MXR Dyna Comp - Compression** 

http://www.jimdunlop.com/product/m102-dyna-comp-compressor

TC Electronic Flashback x4 - Delay and looper

http://www.tcelectronic.com/flashback-x4-delay/

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Demos

http://youtu.be/sucKQIIOWFY

http://youtu.be/aH3MyviuOAQ

**Anti-Pressure handle** 

http://www.perfectpracticesolutions.net/index.html

Another anti-pressure device

http://www.dillonmusic.com/p-12501-ape-anti-pressure-exerciser-for-trumpet.aspx

http://www.warburton-usa.com/index.php/ape

Visual Trainer

http://www.warburton-usa.com/index.php/atv

Horn grip

http://www.warburton-usa.com/index.php/horn-grip

**Cylinder reinforcer** 

http://www.bobreeves.com/products/accessories/cr.htm

**Receiver ring** 

http://www.bobreeves.com/products/accessories/rr.htm

Sandovalves

http://www.sandovalves.com/

**Pro hands Gripmaster** 

http://www.prohands.net/Prohands-Music/who/music/brass/

**Mute Holder** 

http://www.herculesstands.com/band/HA100.html

**Endsley Mute Silencers** 

http://www.hickmanmusiceditions.com/select2.asp?selection=39

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## **Used Horns**

http://www.trumpetherald.com/marketplace.php

http://www.ebay.com/

http://www.TrumpetMaster.com/vb/f208/

http://www.doctorvalve.com/ForSale.html

http://www.unionmusiccompany.com/consignments.html

http://www.hornguys.com/dailymenu.php

http://www.robbstewart.com/ForSaleLists/ForSaleList.html

http://www.oberloh.com/sales/sales.htm

http://www.trumpettrader.com/used.php

http://thompsonmusic.com/store/page6.html

http://www.dillonmusic.com/c-519-used-instruments-brass.aspx

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http://www.tulsaband.com/brass

http://www.wichitaband.com/used2.html

http://www.horntrader.com/

http://www.brassinstrumentworkshop.com/for\_sale.html

http://www.thetrumpetshop.com/UsedHorns.html

http://www.southeasternmusical.com/page/page/2665137.htm

http://brassandwoodwind.ca/trumpets.html

http://www.junkdude.com/mm5/merchant.mvc? Store\_Code=JD&Screen=CTGY&Category\_Code=Other

http://www.gerrylopezmusic.com/category.sc?categoryld=26

http://www.trumpetjunkie.com/hornsforsale.htm

http://www.quality-brass.com/store/index.php

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http://www.bacmusic.com/

http://home.gwi.net/~pmh/horns2.html

http://classictrumpet.com/

http://davidsinstruments.com/Usedinstruments.html

http://www.musiciansbuyline.com/

http://austinwinds.com/used.shtml

http://bachstrads.com/gallery.html

http://www.marshwoodwinds.com

http://www.centexbrass.com/

http://austincustombrass.mybigcommerce.com/

http://baltimorebrass.net/index.php?cat=1

http://www.frobigwindrepair.com/#!high-brass/c1mie

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http://hornstash.com/trumpets/

http://www.musicstorecentral.com/brass-instruments/

http://www.brassark.com/sale/

http://www.thebrasscellar.com/used-instruments-and-accessories/

http://www.bmcmusicsource.com/c-190-used-musical-instruments.aspx

http://www.ginasflutes.com/Gina-s-Flutes-Used-Trumpets-s/6.htm

http://www.hornhospital.com/

http://www.wallysmusic.com/instruments/trumpets/

http://j-landress-brass.myshopify.com/

http://www.shopgoodwill.com/listings/listByCat.asp?catID=190&ending=Items

## **Tension-less Playing**

Pops: This whole didgeridoo thing had me intrigued. So I ordered one and to my surprise, I couldn't get a note (drone) out the thing for the first 1/2 hour. Geez - here I am thinking I am playing so relaxed. I can drone now and of course when I pick up the trumpet the sound is much fatter and more vibrant. It will take some practice - but thanks - a real eye opener for me. I will certainly recommend the ebook to guys. Jim Manley

**PS** - The New Arban Book is a B\*itch!

Why can Pro players play 8-10-12+ hours a day and other people play an hour and lose their range?

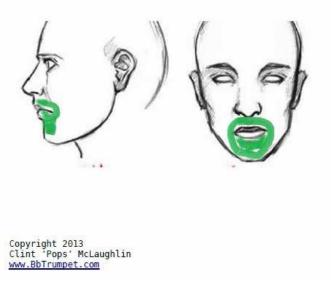
Pros play differently than other players.

Most of us are too tense on even our low notes. As we play higher we get progressively more tense. I have talked about this for over 30 years. I often mention that we tend to get tight as we go higher and that extra tension hurts the sound and the range.

Sadly almost everyone is too tight even on low C. The main reason we struggle is because we fight the horn and fight our own faces.

This book shows you step by step how to relax and stop fighting when you play.

Tension-less Playing Made Easy



Yes we can and should have a tensionless face in the low and mid registers. And a tension-less face (less tension) up high. NO you don't need a tight face to play low notes.

This is a 28 page Ebook with a few video examples and explanations.

http://www.bbtrumpet.com/tensionless.html

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## The 4 Trumpet Octave Keys

Last year I wrote a book called Tensionless Playing and it was a guide or map on how to get rid of tension and rely more on air. I showed how pros use different muscles than hobby players when they play. This explains how they play longer, higher and more relaxed.

I mentioned and talked briefly about what I call the "4 Trumpet Octave Keys" (TM). I have had lots of people express a desire for a deeper look at "The 4 Trumpet Octave Keys" (TM) and how we use them in playing.

Earlier this year I did a Thermal Imaging Study of trumpet players. I finally had proof of things I had been saying for years. Most players do completely the wrong things to play well in the upper register.

There are 4 major things that actually do work like octave keys for us and this book tells you how to use them.

## The 4 Trumpet Octave Keys



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There are 17 pages and 1 hour and 15

minutes of videos showing these things that separate us from the Pros.

Like:

Mouthpiece Seal CAN be an octave key.

Tongue Hiss (Special type of arch) CAN be an octave key.

A certain type of breath support CAN be an octave key.

The pencil exercise and the frown CAN be an octave key, BUT you have to do it right.

http://www.bbtrumpet.com/40ctaveKeys.html

# **Pops Video Thermal Imaging Study**

For about 100 years we have known that tension at the side of the face (cheek area) inhibits tone production, lessens endurance and impedes range. Using this part of the face creates a "Smile" but sadly most people still do this to some extent when they play. Most never even know it. Many famous teachers have written about it but people keep doing it. I myself have been trying to educate people about this for 40+ years. (I've been writing books about this for 20 years.)

I decided that showing the muscles used by players that struggle and showing the muscles used by players with range to spare might help. I thought that the best way to show this was to do a Thermal Video Study of players while they were playing. This has never been done before. Nobody ever did thermal images while someone was playing and the video aspect means that not only can you see the muscles being used, you can hear the notes being played.

This is the first video study of its kind in the world.

I decided to take video of players as they play and change pitches. This way we get to see what happens as we play. I decided to just include the corner of the lip and keep the temperature box in the center of the cheek.

The player with the worst range and endurance was the hottest at the cheek. He was 2.4 degrees C hotter (4.1 F hotter) at the cheek, than the player with the best range.

**3** short clips from my Thermal Imaging study of players.

Player 1 has a cheek temp of 37.9 C on High C.

Player 2 has a cheek temp of 36.3 C on High C.

Player 3 (Me) ends with a cheek temp of 33.2 C but over an octave higher (G above DHC).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_embedded&v=zBMuc2zrJzl

There are many more videos and a description of the process I used at

http://www.bbtrumpet.com/Thermal.html

Besides the Thermal Video I also did a Video of the Spectral Analysis of each player. We get to see which harmonics each player emphasizes and the resonance they achieve.

I also used a decibel meter to see if and where they had decreases in volume/power. This meter was turned up to show minor changes so we could see them all as they happened.

What does it all mean?

I noticed that every time they played a bad note (much less volume, lost resonance, no pitch center...) all the tests showed what we all heard. The decibel meter registered a much smaller sound. The Spectral Analyzer showed that the player had no peaks. And the Thermal Imager showed that the player used and heated up the muscles on the side of the face.

The players with the least muscle activity on the sides of the face had much higher ranges. (1 to 2 octaves higher ranges.)

The players who didn't use the muscles on the sides of the face also were significantly more resonant.

My 2 books Tension-Less Playing. and The 4 Trumpet Octave Keys. deal with the findings of this study.

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http://www.bbtrumpet.com/40ctaveKeys.html

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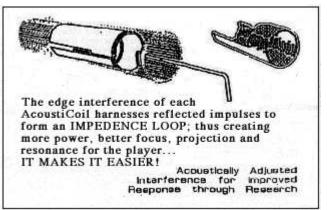
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## **AcoustiCoil**

What the AcoustiCoil IS -

Fashioned of tough, moisture resistant, industrial polyester, the AcousticCoil resembles a small, compressible sleeve with stepped interior dimensions.

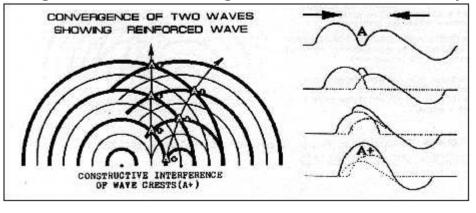
Each model of this new accessory insert adjusts to fit varying bore sizes. A spring fit assures that it will stay securely in place



and it is easily installed and removed from the instrument by the player.

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the analogy of two stones being dropped on a pond. As concentric waves radiate outward, the crests of the two waves traveling in different directions combine. At these points of interference [A+], the



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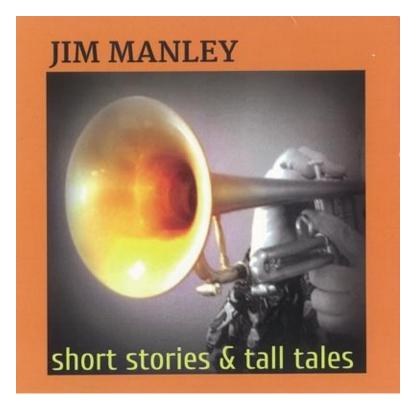


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http://www.strumentimusicali.net/product\_info.php/products\_id/10129/NPS-No-Pressing-System.html The NPS, No Pressing System, is an application that controls the pressure of your lips on the horn. It is a tube that is hooked on and replaces the original main pump on the trumpet. The use of this system helps you find a better intonation and a better sound by adjusting the way you blow into the trumpet. The No Pressing System (NPS) is the result of many years of research by the music professor, Mr. Cesare Ficcadenti, who has more than 25 years of teaching experience. The NPS is perfectly integrated with every system or method of study. It helps you to achieve good results better and faster. Amateurs and professionals can finally use a system that will help them solve one of the main problems that occurs when you play the trumpet: the excessive pressing. Many people tend to press their lips to the mouthpiece too much, resulting in an incorrect sound and intonation.

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•The NPS helps you understand the right amount of air that is really need to use while you play.

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...Ercole Ceretta

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Mauro Marcaccio

Trumpet teacher at Musci Conservatory "A. Casella" of L'Aquila.

A give the NPS big credit. It's an important addition to the evolution of trumpet teaching. It allows you to control the pressure on your lips, playing with total relaxation and lightness. I believe that total "no pressing" is impossible, so the NPS helps you find the right balance. I am convinced that the nps positively contributes to developing the modern trumpet technique. Dino Tonelli trumpet teacher at il Music Conservatory e "N. Piccinni di Bari.

Lead trumpet of Italian Big Band, specialized in high register.

A very useful device. In my experience, one of biggest problems with players is the excessive pressure they put on their lips. It helps progressively to find the right balance. I use it with all my students anc we achieved great results. The fact that you can physically see the extra pressure, unsure very fast results.

Mario Bracalente

Trumpet teacher at Music Conservatory of Trapani. R.A.I. National orchestra.

I find the NPS very useful. Not only because it reduces the extra pressure on your lips, but also because it shows you the excessive pressure so that you can correct it immediately. A great tool Zanzi Igor

Playing without excessive pressure on your lips, is at the base of my teaching technique. Players must reach a balance. Not too much pressure....nor too little.

I don't believe in pure "no pressing", but i make sure that my students don't use too much pressure, that not only effects endurance but health as well. The objective is to reach maximum lightness without compromising the stability of the mouthpiece on your lips.

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## Chris Cigolea | Creator of The Staccator

The majority of Chris Cigolea's professional experience has revolved around education, performance and conducting. He has a bachelor degree in music performance from the Bucharest National University of Music and a Master of Music degree from the University of Toronto where he is also completing his last year of Doctorate in Music Performance.

Chris was employed as a trumpet performer with Radio and Television Orchestra of Bucharest, The Representative Music of the Army, Brasov Symphony Orchestra and he served as a Teacher Assistant and Brass Chamber Music instructor at the University of Toronto assisting the Canadian Brass.

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The band has chosen a tracklist packed with new and challenging brassband music. Besides several captivating arrangements, a new composition from the hand of Kevin Houben, titled "Abaddon" has been included. "Abaddon" tells the story of "the dark angel" taking you on a journey through the mystical bogs of "De Kempen" to devilish sounds associated with the "Noord-Limburgse" forests (both Belgian Regions). Furthermore David Thornton has collaborated with NLBB on "Origins" of Pete Meechan. The full track list is added in attachment.

Founded only in 1995 Noordlimburgse Brassband has established its name in the international brassband scene. Highlights being Belgian National Champions in 2011 and 2012, resulting in a 5th place at the EBBC 2012 in Montreux and runner-up at the 2013 EBBC in Rotterdam.

Full track list :

1	Grand Fanfare	Giancalro Castra d'Abbona	7:06
2	Origins	Peter Meechan	17:34
3	Abaddon	Kevin Houben	14:13
4	Fandango	Joseph Turrin - arr. Luc Vertommen	6:35
5	The Water is Wide	Trad - arr. Andrew Duncan	3:00
6	St Magnus	Kenneth Downie	14:29
7	Trittico Festoso	Jan Van Der Roost	9:20
8	Temple 125	Kevin Larsson	2:52

On the CD page <u>http://nlbb.be/cd</u> you can find additional information and first reviews of the recording, which are also included on the second page of this release.

Additional information can be send to you on simple request by contact: info@nlbb.be

Kind regards

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## Jan Van der Roost on the recording : "Highly recommended, it immediately tastes morish"

Old and new, familiar and adventurous, known and unknown,... it is all included on this brand new recording, to the honour of a rising star in the Flemish Brassband Movement : "Noord-Limburgse Brass Band"! Having David Thornton as an eye-catcher soloist and a brassband classic like St. Magnus of K. Downie, the most the familiar standard repertoire is immediately represented. Besides this less common compositions are included, with the title track, a brand new commissioned work from the hand of Kevin Houben: Abbaddon! Reasons abound to give this recording all the attention it deserves, not only because the repertoire is interesting and original, but mainly because of the quality of the performances and the recording. But hey, what to expect with an MD like Ivan Meylemans in charge and Jan Hadermann behind the mixing panel. Highly recommended: the adrenaline will flow when listening to this new recording: It immediately tastes morish ! "

## Kevin Houben on the recording : "A must have Recording"

Everything taken into consideration the recording is fresh, surprising with a great atmosphere, for a very broad audience. Both brass band enthusiasts as the general audience, that has not yet discovered the banding world, will enjoy this must have recording once in their CD collection.

### Kevin Houben over Abaddon : "Noordlimburgse tamed the Abaddon "beast""

NLBB succeeded in taming the "beast" named Abaddon in just one day of recording. The energetic, broad, technically loaded and dynamic wild passages continue to surprise the listener and touch their emotion. The quiet middle section sounds spacious with top performances from the many soloists and special effects in percussion. Bravo !

## Peter Meechan on Origins : "This is a recording I will treasure, and will enjoy listening to again and again"

"This premiere recording of Origins is delivered with such artistry - hardly a surprise when you consider the quality and abilities of the band, conductor and soloist involved. The sense of musical balance achieved is a real treat for a composer to hear; the combination of drama and delicacy in the band accompaniment are skilfully woven by [conductor] Ivan Meylemans, and David Thornton's solo lines are performed with such precision and musical nuance that this is a recording I will treasure, and will enjoy listening to again and again. Thanks so much Dave, Ivan and NLBB - Bravo!"



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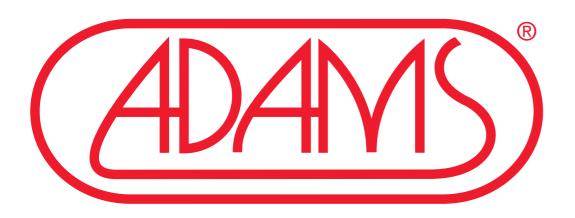
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"Messages from the Other Side," Keith Fiala's latest gem of a CD, takes us on a journey literally to the other side. With a burnished tone, warm yet full of bravura, we hearken to Conrad Gozzo soaring through endless studio sessions with his big Besson Meha singing surely above the orchestra. But it is the Boss - Maynard Ferguson - that particularly informed a brash, young lead trumpet player that had recently joined his fabled Big Bop Nouveau ensemble. We all can play high notes - that's what sets us lead players apart. In fact, we all learned from the Boss' example. However, as this CD proudly proclaims: Keith has succeeded in creating a style and sound all his own - and he, too, makes it sing!

In his liner notes, "Uncle" Nick Mondello alludes to Albert Camus' Sisyphus struggling in his endless and hopeless trek - a trek trumpet players know well - to roll the figurative boulder of performance over the top of the mountain. Keith, though, did arrive at the pantheon, if only for a moment and, in the process, has brought back his "Message from the other Side." In "Body and Soul," on which Maynard long ago crafted a masterpiece, Keith brings us a message from the Boss himself. Rather than just one message, though, during the first jazz chorus of the chart, he also gives voice to the recently departed Derek Watkins, with his perfect choices for where a phrase ought to go. Then, too, he brings it all with a lush tone, missing the excess vibrato of the past, but still retaining what the great lead players referred to as spin. He soars high into the stratosphere, a true Maynard disciple, but there is none of the harsh stuff. Instead, we are witness to his power - not a brash, undisciplined power - but rather power tinged with humility Keith himself touched upon in recounting his story of interrupting the boss with an impertinent query.

What we are left with, then, is a power that is wrapped in a lovely ribbon of pure silk. The bravura performance ends with the famed Maynard "kiss" - and it was just that: a big smooch to the Boss for all of us.

Mark H. Schwartz

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#### New Trumpet and Piano CD



"New Horizons" features Christopher Wilson, trumpet and Laura Schack Clark, piano performing the music of Kevin McKee, Lauren Bernofsky, James Stephenson, David Sampson, and Sy Brandon.

Christopher Wilson is Artist/Assistant Professor of Trumpet at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas since the fall 2009 academic year. His duties include applied trumpet, trumpet methods, and performing in the Arkansas State Faculty Brass Quintet. A native of Russellville, Arkansas, Wilson completed his Bachelors Degree of Music Education and Masters Degree in Music Performance at the University of Arkansas, and received his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Wilson recently premiered David Sampson's Serenade for Trumpet and Wind Ensemble at the College Band Directors National Association Convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico as well as Counterwork for Trumpet/Flugelhorn, Marimba, and Piano at the International Trumpet Guild Conference. Prior to his appointment at Arkansas State University, Wilson performed with the United States Air Force Band, Washington, DC. While a member of the United States Air Force Band, he performed and taught clinics throughout the United States and Japan, and was a tour soloist performing the Arutunian Trumpet Concerto. He has performed for numerous dignitaries and audiences around the world, including Presidents George W. Bush and Barrack Obama. In 2004, he performed at the funeral of former President Ronald Reagan. Live television broadcasts include a Veterans Day Celebration at the Strathmore Concert Hall in Bethesda, MD, which aired on PBS in 2008; and a Memorial Day at the National Capitol, which also aired on PBS in 2006 in collaboration with the National Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, Wilson has performed with the Annapolis Symphony, Annapolis Opera, Maryland Symphony, Alexandria Symphony, Concert Artists of Baltimore, North Arkansas Symphony, Arkansas Symphony, and Memphis Symphony. Dr. Wilson is a member of the International Trumpet Guild and is a Yamaha Performing Artist.

Lauren Schack Clark has performed as a soloist and collaborative pianist throughout the United States and Europe. Solo performances have included recitals in Italy and at Berklee College of Music, Boston. She has collaborated with faculty members of over 20 universities throughout the world, including Eastman School of Music and the University of Michigan, and with principal symphonic players from such ensembles as the Boston Symphony. She has presented at the World Piano Conference and the MTNA National Conference, and is very active in MTNA, having served in various capacities such as Competition Chair at the Division and State levels, and as President of the Arkansas State Music Teachers Association. Her DMA is from Boston University. Dr. Clark has recorded on the Centaur and Vienna Modern Masters labels, and her book, Keyboard Theory and Piano Technique, co-authored with Brian Henkelmann, is published by Longbow Publishing.

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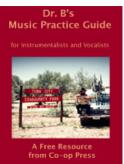
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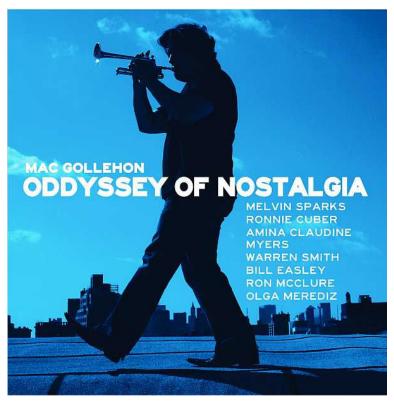
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#### Dan Jacobs

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Newly released jazz CD, "Play Song" by the Dan Jacobs Quartet soars into the 'Top 30' on JazzWeek nationwide charts.

Trumpeter Dan Jacobs' solos weave a magical spell emphasizing ideation. They are study in musicianship with an eloquent message like Miles Davis but with more range and creativity. -John Gilbert, Jazz Review Magazine

"Jacobs' entrancing and gorgeous flugelhorn acumen with long, sustained passages that smolder with each passing chorus is the epitome of cool." - Eric Harabadian, JAZZ INSIDE MAGAZINE

"Veteran jazz trumpeter Dan Jacobs brings forth one of the most unexpected musical highlights of 2011 with the release of his new CD, "PLAY SONG"—a superior recording in every respect. "Plav Song" captures command а



performance from trumpeter Dan Jacobs and his able crew producing a very accessible and engaging musical statement that jazz audiences everywhere can appreciate, well done!" - Edward Blanco, EJAZZNEWS.com

The CD is excellent. You sound just as I remember you when we were at MSU - full sound, warm-and cool, with nice ideas, all at the same time. I just heard trumpeter Marvin Stamm play it with the Bill Mays trio at a local club. Nice, but I prefer your rendition. Keep on keepin' on....... - Greg Hopkins, Professor, Berkeley School of Music

"Eloquent. Tasteful. Compelling. Masterful musicianship! Dan Jacobs' trumpet and flugelhorn playing, as well as composition, makes PLAY SONG a phenomenally great jazz album. I absolutely love it! It proves that great chops + great phrasing + heart = superb jazz!" - Scott O'Brian, - SMOOTHJAZZ.com

"His beautiful trumpet lines remind me of Chris Botti, except Jacobs' brings more extended improvisation with a much darker, smoother more luxurious tone than a mink coat!" Thomas R. Erdman, JAZZREVIEW.com





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## Andrea Tofanelli

If I don't disturb, I would like to speak a little bit about my new recordings.

I recorded in the USA the "Flamingo" cd, produced by the great Jim Linahon and his ACM label.

This cd contains many beautiful music and arrangements in many different ensembles, included a new version of the "Flamingo" recorded by Bud Brisbois many years ago, and an original ballad for trumpet and piano that I composed for Maynard, "The Last Legend".

You can find and buy this cd on Maynard Ferguson web site:

http://www.maynardferguson.com/



http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/AndreaTofanelli#

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Another cd I recorded recently and I really and deeply like is "Earth Games 2012", released by Summit Records. The artist is the Italian composer Nicola Ferro, a true genius, incredible composer and talented trombone player.

He composed for me this 22 movement suite for solo trumpet, trombone quartet, rhythm section and electronic effects. The result is really explosive.

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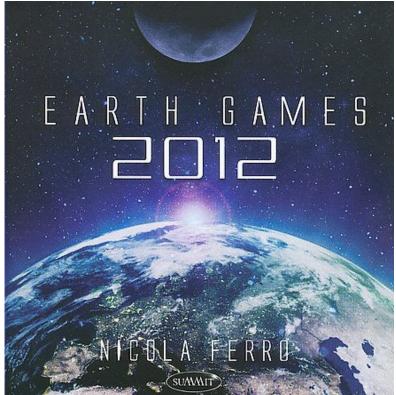
Well...enjoy the music! All the best

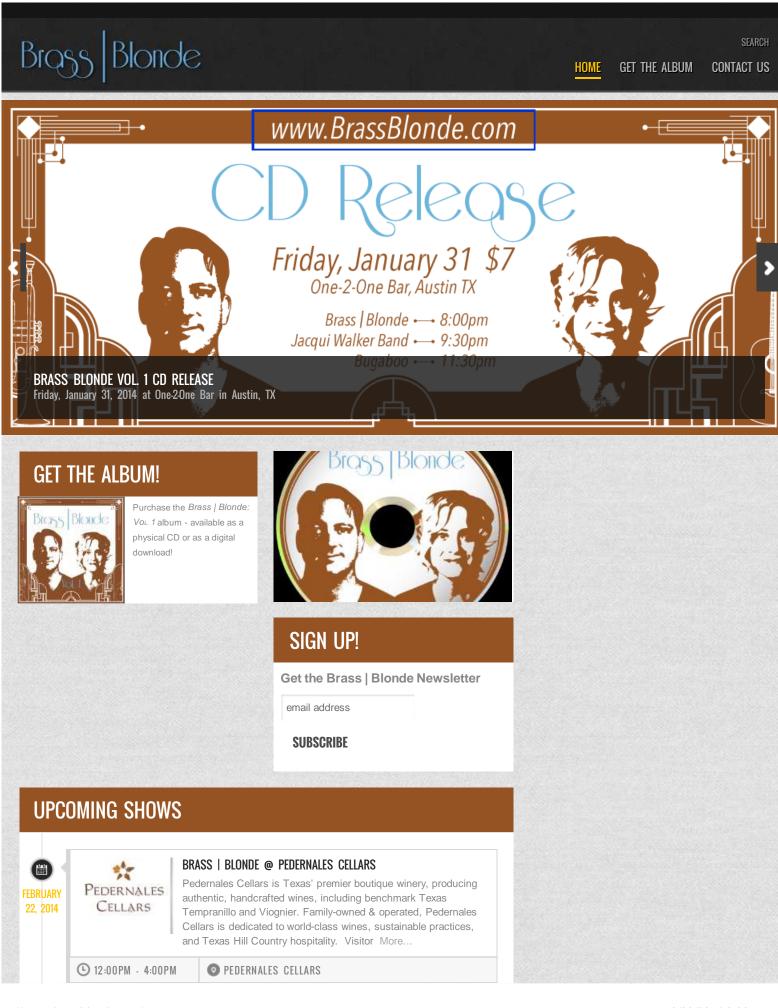
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Yamaha Artist/Clinician.

Professor of Trumpet and Jazz Workshop at the "Istituto Superiore di Studi Musicali O. Vecchi - A. Tonelli" in Modena (Italy).

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## Jeff Helgesen

Jeff Helgesen may not be a household name but you're going to be amazed when you sample Jazz Mayhem, an album he recorded with a hardbop septet in 2005.

The trumpeter and flugelhornist has Blue Note chops, and the track choices and arrangements are tops: Wayne Shorter's Black Nile, This Is for Albert, Lady Day and Pensativa are here. Sam Rivers' lilting Beatrice also is featured. So is Kenny Dorham's Short Story.

Helgesen has a searing Freddie Hubbard-inspired solo on Black Nile (which he arranged), and a soft, seductive approach on Kenny Werner's Compensation. This is а highly satisfying



album. Sample This Is for Albert and hear Helgesen for yourself. He's joined by Thomas Wirtel on trumpet and flugelhorn, Chip McNeill on tenor sax and Morgan Powell on trombone, with Tom Paynter on keyboard, Paul Musser on bass and Gary Peyton on drums.

"Jeff Helgesen (leader, trumpet/flugelhorn), is a freelance musician based in Champaign, Illinois, who toured and recorded with the Ray Charles Orchestra from 1987-1990. He maintains an active performing schedule in central Illinois and leads several jazz ensembles in addition to Jazz Mayhem."

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They have a new American release Straight Ahead (Summit – 568) that leans heavily on the style of the Count Basie Orchestra. Five of the 13 tracks are instrumentals recorded by the Basie crew, 'Basie Straight Ahead,' 'The Late, Late Show,' 'Flight of the Foo Birds,' 'Fawncy Meetin' You' and 'Splanky,' the last three from the pen of Neal Hefti. Vocalist Laura Simó is featured on 'A Foggy Day,' 'The Man I Love,' 'S Wonderful,' 'Time After Time' and 'The Lady is a Tramp.' Two originals, 'Aquellos Fueron Los Años' by musical director Juan Manuel Alemán, and 'Calles Vacias' by pianist Rayko León demonstrate that the cats from Spain know how to write in the tradition. The program closes with a tune from Canadian trumpeter Kenny Wheeler, 'Gentle Piece,' that has a somewhat more contemporary feeling. It is nice to know that big band music is alive and well in Spain." –Jersey Jazz

http://www.summitrecords.com/product.tmpl?SKU=596 YouTube channel <u>http://www.youtube.com/user/GranCanariaBigBand</u> Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gran-Canaria-Big-Band/145352522167272</u>



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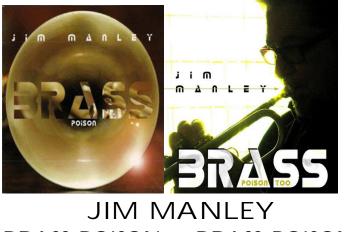
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As a player who has made his bones dwelling in the trumpet's altissimo register, Manley displays wonderful musicianship across the instruments' range on both trumpet and flugelhorn. In addition to his Maynard Ferguson-like scream chops, Manley's flugelhorn playing is very expressive ("Rocket Man") and his ensemble leadership is excellent, as is the high energy feeling to the ensemble. "Soul Makossa" and "It's Your Thing" not only kick, but move butt. When Manley screams and spews fire, he pulls the ensemble enthusiastically along and they willingly respond with vigor.

Nick Mondello/All About Jazz

It's diverse, progressive, delightful, pyrotechnic, stratospheric, exoteric, wistful, tasteful, soulful, it rocks, it's the bomb. Like a good book I could not put it down. From Brubeck to the Beatles it has something for everyone. Jim Manley has once again outdone himself. Put it on your stereo and crack it up.

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This is a complete Improv Course on this video.

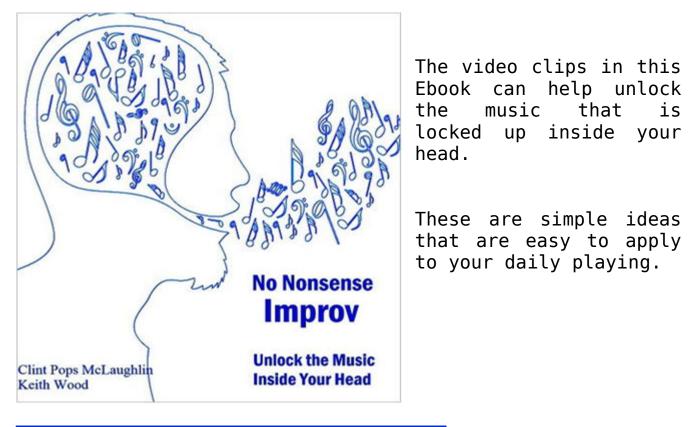
We have 2 hours and 45 minutes of video, 8 pages of instruction and 60 pages of music. All of the 2, 3 and 4 note patterns are done in every key.

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Marco Pierobon

Review by Allen Vizzutti:

Your playing is wonderful and strong, as you demonstrated in Finland. You have a lot of personal style and we both know that is very important. "Solo" is really a wonderful recording and I congratulate you. I do like one thing on the CD better than your playing. That is the COVER ART! The best!! Beautiful! Have a great Holiday.

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"Bob Elkjer has been my first-call arranger for 25 years." Joe Alessi, principal trombone, NY Philharmonic

Composer/trumpet player Robert Elkjer's music has been recorded and performed by the New York Philharmonic Principal Brass, the Canadian Brass, Summit Brass, the San Francisco Bay Brass, the Buddy Rich Orchestra, the Center City Brass Quintet, USAF Brass in Blue, and many others. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, where he studied composition with William Thomas McKinley



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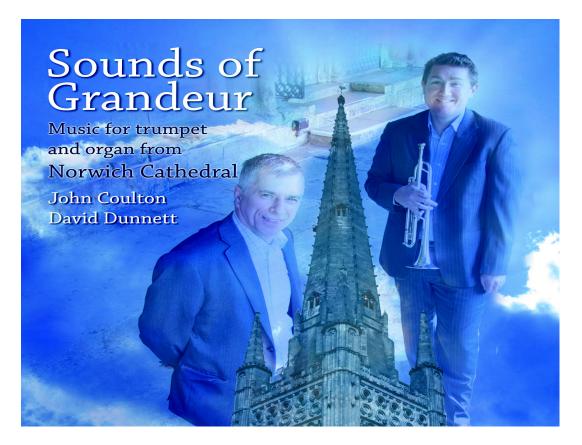
John Coulton

The idea of augmenting the magnificence of the cathedral organ along with the brilliance of the trumpet stimulates the Interest and imagination of both audiences and composers alike. Australian trumpeter John Coulton, along with English organist David Dunnett, give "superb" performances of the trumpet and organ repertoire on this their second recording from the heavenly Acoustics of the Ancient Cathedral of Norwich in England.

The range of the Programme offered here shows insight yet again into the versatility of the combination: joyful and glorious music from the Baroque, beautiful and soulful melodies by composers such as Guilmant and Hovhaness, and powerful forces of transparent colour found in works by Tomasi, Fiser and Plog.

This recording also features the world première of a new composition entitled "Thoughts", written especially for John Coulton by the legendary composer Anthony Plog. A fantastic new addition to the repertoire and available to purchase Trumpet from BIM music publishers in Switzerland.

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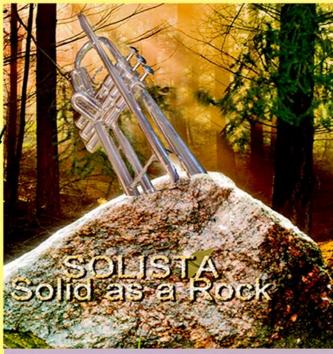


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#### Review of Pops' New Expanded Range Arban Ebook.

Review by: Mark Curry (Curry mouthpieces)

The new Arban's-based book by Clint "Pops" McLaughlin

This E-book (PDF form) takes the Arban original edition (pub. 1864) into the 2000's with respect to the modern-day requirements for range and technique. There are over 700 pages of variations on original Arban exercises and 200 more pages focused on "Pops' Stuff".

The layout of this e-book is very similar to the original, with exercises chosen as the representative for that section. Pops expands the chosen exercise to include range expansion well above the high C's found in the original book, even venturing up to the Dubba C on many occasions.

Don't get the impression that this is merely Arbans "up an octave." It's much more than that. Prefaces to each section Pops' tips on how to execute correctly, with have efficiency, while paying attention to our trumpet machine, our chops. It's like he's sitting right next to us on the couch, giving advice in person. Pops incorporates many of the ideas and tips he learned as a student of the late Don "Jake" Jacoby into this book. His focus while studying with Jake was not only to become a better player, but a better trumpet teacher. As a result, the feel of this book is very familiar to those of us brought up in the UNT/ North Texas style of teaching. My own instructors include Ray Sasaki, (both UNT alums via Ritchie-Clendenin Larry Engstom at Fresno State) and a summer with Dave Hickman while at Champaign (U of I).

Of particular interest to me is the "Pops Stuff" section. This is where the magic occurs. Many of Pops/Jakes fundamentals come into play here.

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instance, keeping the top space G "set" For as vour benchmark embouchure set- relaxing to descend, contracting to ascend. Using "Air Kicks" properly to execute leaps and intervals. Tips on tongue arch and "hiss" applicable to the given exercise. Tricky scale studies that test our sightreading abilities. These are all in there...and, yes, the dreaded "Sensation Studies" (my personal peccadillo). Ι still have Ray Sasaki's handwritten version from a 1975 lesson. It made me sweat then, and it still give me the chills.

At the end of the book there's a great section on expanded range melodies and songs. These are particularly helpful to help increase our usable range. If you can play these with a beautiful singing quality you are making good progress (and maybe the neighbors will stop humming "Finlandia" LOL).

Evident throughout, Pop's teaching style of not micromanaging our trumpet machine but rather focusing on playing the exercises is an almost indirect method that releases our conscious thought process from the endless minutiae we so often get caught up in. We learn by doing. When we run into problems, Pops methods lead us to the answer behind the door. All we have to do is open it.

In short, there's no shortcut to great trumpet playing. Ιf you can manage one exercise out of each section of this book every day you will progress beyond far beyond your expectations. Congrats on a job well done!

Mark Curry http://www.currympc.com/

My New Expanded Arban book can be found here.

http://www.bbtrumpet.com/NewArban.html

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Adam Rapa was a featured guest artist and master-clinician at the 2008 International Trumpet Guild conference and the 2007 & 2008 National Trumpet Competition, Rapa has also established himself as a world-class educator who brings as much excitement and inspiration to the classroom as he does the stage.

Adam is grateful to have shared the stage and/or recorded with Grammv Award winners Nicholas Payton & Roy Hargrove, Christian McBride, Doc Severinsen, Mnozil Brass, Soulive, The New Life Jazz Orchestra, Wycliffe Gordon, Eric Reed, Jason Moran, Robert Glasper, Cyrus Chestnut, Academy Award winning composer A.R. Rahman, and many other great artists over the years. He also spent seven years starring in



the Tony & Emmy Award winning Broadway show, "Blast!", performing over 2000 shows across the US, the UK and Japan.

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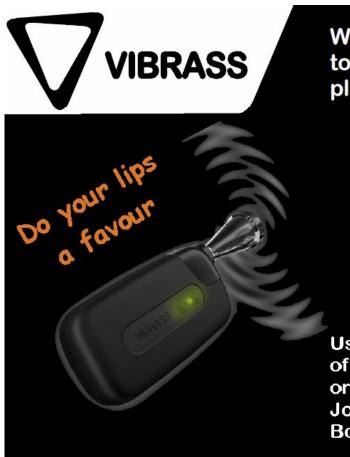
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# Eric Bolvin "Workin' It"

Eric Bolvin is one of the hardest working musicians in the San Francisco Bay Area and it shows on his new release **"Workin'** It". On the heels of his popular (85 radio stations) and critically acclaimed 2007 release, **"The Night, The Rain And You",** Eric delivers the funk, jazz and soul with a new set of 11 tasty originals and 3 timeless covers.

Eric has enlisted the help of some executive talent on "Workin' It", including keyboardist Jeff Lorber, drummer Dennis Chambers, bassists Nelson Braxton and Myron Dove, guitarist Chris Cain and saxophonist Tom Politzer. Eric also utilizes vocals for the first time on four tunes, featuring Bay Area favorites Margo Leduc and Tony Lindsay. I think you will agree that this is Eric's best work yet.

Eric's local gigs include regular appearances at Gordon Biersch Brewery, Agenda Jazz Club, D'Vine, Hedley Club and Unwined in the South Bay as well as the San Jose Jazz Festival, Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival and Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz.

Eric has performed or recorded with; Russell Ferrante, Jeff Lorber, Dennis Chambers, Greg Adams, Richie Cole, Dave Weckl, Steve Smith, Jerry Bergonzi, Dave Liebman, Dee Daniels, Grant Geissman, Tom Scott and many others.

"The smooth jazz trumpet idiom has been the stronghold of Ric Braun, Greg Adams, Chris Botti and, in its earliest iterations, Miles Davis and Herb Alpert. With Workin' It,, Bolvin shows he has the goods to stand with those commercially better-known players." *-Nick Mondello* All About Jazz.com

"This disc contains an outstanding variety of compelling music, and it will be Eric Bolvin's breakout project! WORKIN' IT is a hit. Highly recommended!" ~ Sandy Shore – Smooth Jazz.com

"Bolvin is one hot player, drawing from the inspiration of the trumpet's masters and turning it into his own sound. In fact, Bolvin has a sound to which many players aspire; and he is a forthright bandleader, composer and arranger."

~Trevor McLaren - All About Jazz.com

"I have to say that Eric Bolvin is quite impressive. I think he's on to something here."

~Ronald Jackson- JazzReview.com

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- 6. Maxine
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- 8. I wondered What I Did Wrong
- 9. Panama Red
- 10. It Ain't No Use
- 11. Corvair Crusader
- 12. Monterey Morning
- 13. One For Mike
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#### TRUMPET TEACHER PENS HUMOROUS MEMOIR SPANNING 25 YEARS

For more than 25 years, Patrick Dessent (pen name Sam Bennett) taught budding musicians how to play their trumpets. During these more than two decades of teaching in-home lessons, Bennett, one might say, ran into a humorous situation or two, or three ...

The 55-year-old, who has lived in the Midwest for most of his life, taught trumpet lessons in the homes of his students while he was in his 20s and 30s in suburbs just outside Chicago. Only one decade later, Bennett had already accumulated enough humorous stories for a good-sized book. After years of cajoling, his wife, Ann, convinced her husband to sit down at a keyboard and write a book which simply had to be read. At the urging of his family and former trumpet students, Bennett decided it was time to document these humorous stories and put them into a book, which is how "Memoirs of a Trumpet Teacher" was born. The fictionalized version of Bennett's time as an in-home teacher gives readers an inside look at teaching music house to house, as Bennett refers to his former profession.

Seven months later his first book, "Memoirs of a Trumpet Teacher" was an actual manuscript and less than a year later, it had been accepted by Martin Sisters Publishing LLC. Bennett, who is a band teacher during the week and performs as a professional musician on the weekends, began writing the book while he was out of school for summer and continued writing on the weekends into fall and winter.

House to house music lessons are becoming a thing of the past, Bennett says, and he misses that method of teaching, especially all the unexpected, crazy moments it entails.

"I miss all of the different pets that I came into contact with through my students," Bennett said. "They helped me get through the work day when I was a private teacher. I have really enjoyed writing about them." Bennett's advice to aspiring writers: "Don't hesitate; go ahead and get started!"

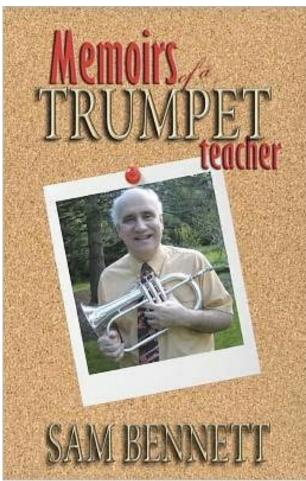
Print and e-versions of "Memoirs of a Trumpet Teacher," can be found at <a href="http://www.amazon.com/">http://www.barnesandnoble.com/</a>

The book can also be ordered through retail book sellers.

Information about the book and the author can also be found at the publisher's Web site: www.martinsisterspublishing.com

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