



Welcome to Volume 15 of The BbTrumpet News Ezine.

I want to thank all of the people who helped to produce this and submitted articles, transcriptions and CD and Tour Promos. Without them this would just be me rambling on about something. Those 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 one 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 16 is November 25th. Send info to pops@BbTrumpet.com

Enjoy

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Strange Brasslike Noises in the Sky?????

For ages strange sounds have been heard in the sky, under water... around the world. These sounds happen once and then never again, only to be heard years later somewhere else.

Some of the more modern ones are fakes that involve people with cell phone cameras and some are real.

NASA has stated that it can indeed be real and that there are several sources of Earth background noises. Minor earth quakes that are so small we can't feel them are often linked to these sounds as is volcanic activity and tidal waves.

This page has some youtube video with some real and some fake examples.

<http://www.ryot.org/weird-trumpet-sounds-coming-sky-freaking-people-across-the-sky/935404>

The base ball game with the announcers talking about the sounds was real.

The sounds heard by a National T.V. audience and the people at the Tampa Bay Rays game the evening of Aug 23, 2011, the day the earthquake hit the East Coast of the United States.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5YjbQFIIVs>

Just something to think about.

Answering your email can make you a better player.

I started my comeback a few months ago.

(They finally got my angina stable after 20 years of trying.)

I couldn't play long because I hadn't played for over 20 years. I would play a page or 2 of music and then answer an email or 2.

I would then play another page or 2 and answer another email or facebook pm or forum post...

I did this off an on through the day.

One day last month I counted 40 pages of music. Because of time I average 20 pages a day but the endurance came at a rate of 1 page at a time.

I simply leave a trumpet out beside me all day long. I play between lessons, between emails, between phone calls. I have 10-20 little sessions a day and the material is HARD.

The easiest thing I play everyday is my warmup. My warmup now is all of page 125 in the Arban book. The interval study in every key. I expand it up by starting over at the top of the page and playing the lines up an octave.

It is a killer but now it is my warm up and all because of email practicing.

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Kevin Cobb on Embouchure:

The study of the embouchure is something that seems relatively simple, yet is a constant source for confusion and debate.

To be sure, there are no "right" answers and certainly in my experience, every time someone thinks there is a hard and fast rule to obey, there is a player who is able to play fine contrary to that rule. There is no magic and there are no truths.

So, with that said, I will relay my opinions and rules that work for me with the hope that it may help someone with a similar set up.

The embouchure for me is something that should be comfortable and hopefully used without a lot of thought. It is simply the vibration of the two lips and it can really only be analyzed with the mouthpiece and horn. The embouchure is how our mouth is formed in order to play. With that said, I think there are two main conflicting schools of thought for how the lips work when playing. There is the "smiley face" way of drawing your lips back when you get higher – reverse when lower - which although not commonly used, has worked with great success in many players. There is also the "pucker" method where you try and keep a slight pucker when playing both low and high with the idea that you have more "cushion" or "meat" in the mouthpiece to produce a more resonant tone, especially when high.

For me, the best concept has been the latter with the idea that the lip needs to vibrate for pitch to occur. This happens for me if I am as relaxed as possible in every range with only the minimum amount of tension needed to create the note. This is, of course, the ideal and without outside instruments to analyze my tension, one can only guess and feel. However, in my case, the tone directly reflects my relaxation or lack there of.

This has given me my first (and perhaps only) rule, which is that I want to create the maximum results with minimum effort; whether that is lip tension or abdominal tension, neck tension, etc.

It is all part of the same equation. A good study for me in lip tension is to form your current embouchure and relax it enough so just air passes through the trumpet, no pitch. Now, increase the tension ever so slightly until there is a tone.

This should give you a gauge to work with to see how much lip tension you have to use to produce a sound. If you use a lot, chances are that you have to blow pretty hard in order to get a sound to occur or that the soft is too airy or perhaps even too pinched. If you are doing well, you should notice that with very little effort, a sound will be produced.

So, the lips need to be relaxed in our embouchure, yet, it is absolutely necessary for there to be tension of the lips when you ascend and consequently relaxation when you descend. Another thought to consider is how the lower lip receives this tension.

Often it is taught that the upper lip should stay as loose as possible with the "corners" keeping the tension.

This does two things: first it brings the lips slightly downward if using the "pucker" method, or slightly back if using "smile". The other thing that happens if we use the "pucker", is that the lower lip flattens out and rolls in slightly. This roll is talked about by Herbert L. Clarke and is natural.

Again, some people have it more pronounced than others. Try this experiment: form an embouchure by pretending you're getting ready to spit a seed. This may or may not be your specific embouchure, but for the sake of experimentation, I use this method as an example. From here, tighten your corners while trying to keep the upper lip as relaxed as possible. For me, I find the corners are low and the lower lip tightens, flattens, and rolls in – all slightly.

The other aspect of embouchure is how the mouthpiece sets upon the lips. Perhaps this is even more crucial because as far as I know, nobody is making money just buzzing their lips. This again is up for much debate, but I would suggest that more important than putting the horn on the center of the face, is how high or low it is on the lips.

This seems to affect more results than does the left/right placement of the mouthpiece. There is a traditional teaching that more upper lip is better and as far as trumpet goes, you will find many people say that it must be "above the red". Again, there are numerous examples of players who play fine despite the fact that the "inner ring" is not above the red. However, I would say that there does seem to be a limit to exactly how low one can place the mouthpiece with success.

This is also conversely true with too much upper lip. In my experience, the mouthpiece sets upon the lips so that they vibrate almost half top lip, half bottom lip, perhaps a bit more upper.

The final thought from me would be that the set up of the embouchure should feel comfortable. Your dental structure and muscle tissue will naturally determine a place that will feel better than another and perhaps better than what is "supposed to be".

If you are new, or rebuilding, or even just adjusting, you should make an embouchure change with someone you trust and someone who's playing you respect.

Use your reason and rational thinking to assess the results and risks. Almost always there is a period of frustration and insecurity when making any changes to embouchure, but if you work with someone you trust, have patience, you should slowly start to see progress.

Remember that you are doing it for something better. If you don't know why, and your teacher thinks it just looks like it won't work, I would get a second opinion! There must be a reason to mess with it, especially if it works already. If you are having problems coming to terms with what's right and what's wrong, try and explain it as a teacher to someone who doesn't play and you will find yourself coming up with some of your very own conclusions!

Hope that helps. Best of luck,

Kevin Cobb

American Brass Quintet

<http://www.americanbrassquintet.org/>

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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.

This is meaningless.

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.

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.



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

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.trumpetrader.com/used.php>

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

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

<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>

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<http://www.gerrylopezmusic.com/category.sc?categoryId=26>

<http://www.trumpetjunkie.com/hornsforale.htm>

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

<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>

<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

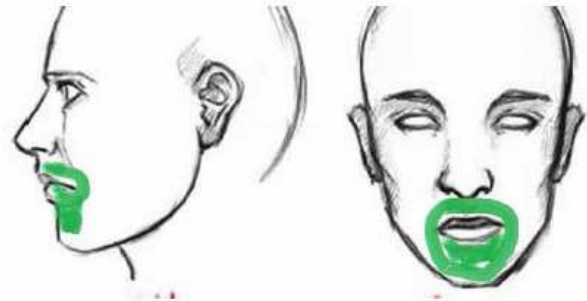
PS - The New Arban Book is a B*itch!

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.

Tension-less Playing Made Easy

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.

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

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>

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.

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.

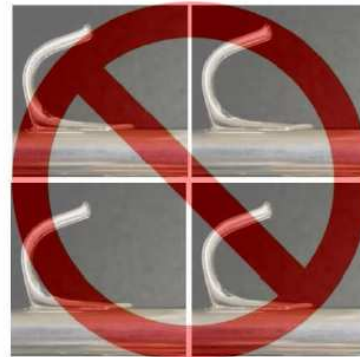
Tongue Hiss (Special type of arch) CAN be an octave key.

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/4OctaveKeys.html>

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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=zBMuc2zrJzI

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.

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

<http://www.bbtrumpet.com/4OctaveKeys.html>

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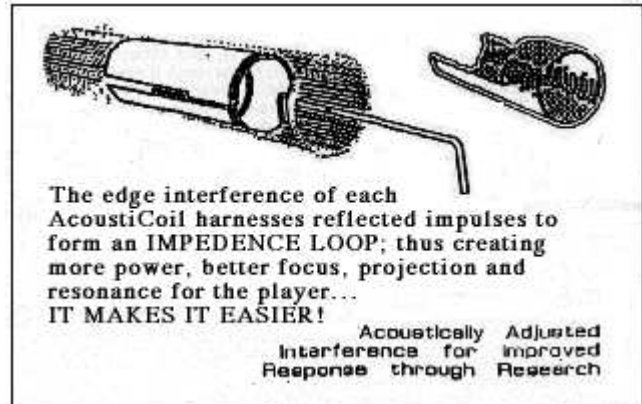
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AcoustiCoil

What the AcoustiCoil IS –

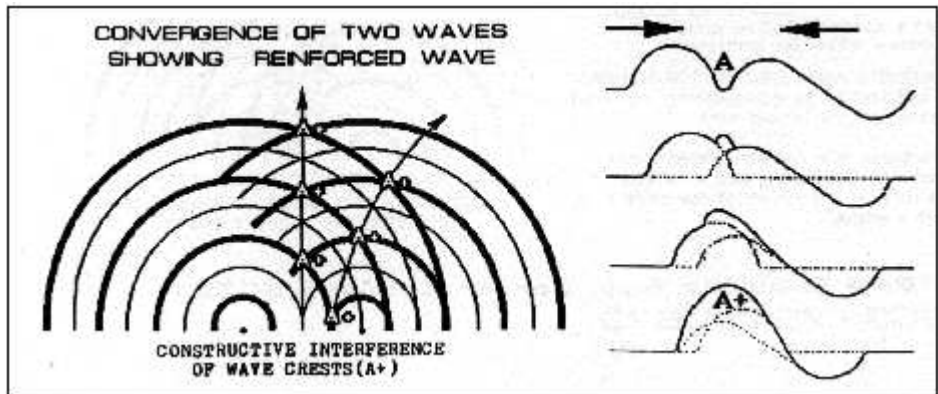
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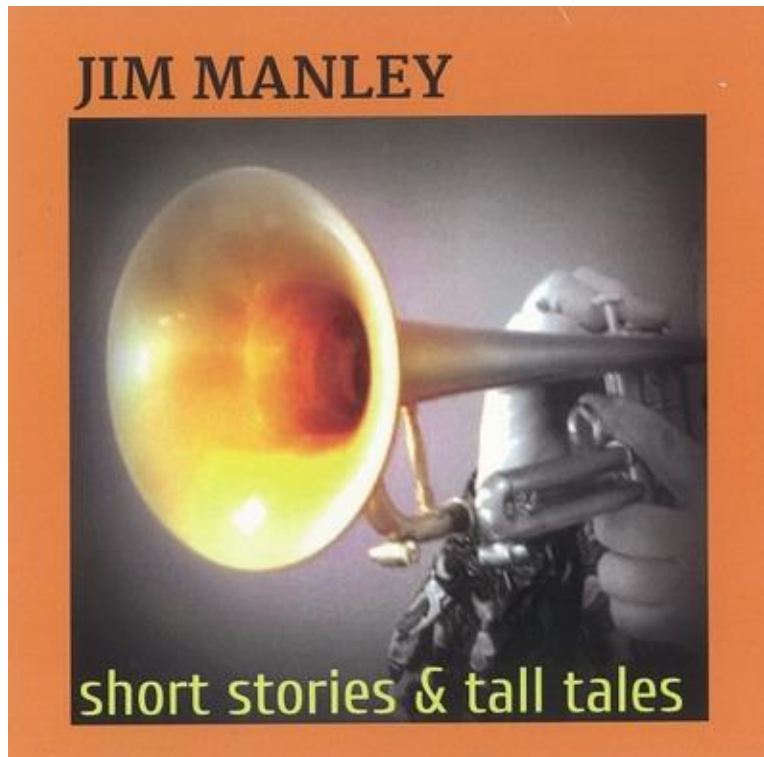


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using professional loops he composed 14 new groove injected
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"*Short Stories & Tall Tales* validates Manley as a superior trumpet artist, fine soloist and a production savant. If the Bond folks ever decide re-make *Goldfinger*, they wouldn't have to look farther than "Double-High 7" for the sounds. He packs heat and has a 24K license to thrill."

Nick Mondello - All About Jazz

<http://www.allaboutjazz.com/php/article.php?id=45848#.U15jLvRDsZ8>

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No Pressing System www.nps.altervista.org



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.

The No Pressing System (NPS) was successfully tested by many professional musicians like Fabrizio Bosso (well-known trumpet jazz soloist), Luciano Leonardi (1st trombone in the National Academy of Santa Cecilia in Rome 1968-1994), Sandro Verzari (ex 1st trumpet of the Rai National Symphony Orchestra), Mauro Marcaccio (Professor of Trumpet at the Aquila Conservatory of Music), Dino Tonelli (Professor of Trumpet at the Bari Conservatory of Music and 1st trumpet of the Italian Big Band), Andrea Tofanelli (Yamaha Artist/Clinician and Professor of Trumpet and Jazz Improvisation at the "Orazio Vecchi" Institute of Music in Modena), Luigino Leonardi (1st trombone in the David Short Brass Factory and in the Italian Air Force Band), Ercole Ceretta (Professor of Trumpet at the Scuola di Alto Perfezionamento Musicale of Saluzzo) and Mario Bracalente (Professor of Trumpet in the N.Gabrielli Music School in Tolentino).

- The NPS helps you understand the right amount of air that is really need to use while you play.
- Many trumpet players press their lips to the mouthpiece much too hard. This is not good for their lips and teeth. Consequently, one of the possible diseases is the "repetitious trauma to the lip".
- The NPS helps you control the way you blow into your horn and strengthens your lip muscles.
- If you use the NPS, the intonation will be given only by the way you blow, not by the way you press your lips to the mouthpiece.

- Perfect for every stage of trumpet studies

- When you play high notes, you tend to press your lips to the mouthpiece even more than you usually do. Thanks to this system, you'll learn how to play the higher notes only with air pressure so that you have much more flexibility and better sound.

NPS No Pressing System

1. WHAT DOES THIS DO FOR A TRUMPET PLAYER?

The use of the NPS points out the extra pressure that most players put on their lips. By reducing the pressure, the labial muscles get stimulated resulting in a much better emission.

2. WHAT TYPE (JAZZ, CLASSIC, STAGE, STUDIO) OF PLAYER WOULD THIS BE GOOD FOR?

It can be used in their daily practice routine by any kind of player. Amateurs, Professional, jazz, classical.

3. WHAT ARE THE COMMENTS FROM PLAYERS WHO ARE NOW USING THIS ITEM?

Reviews:

It's a wonderful concept, very useful for players with a consolidated emission
...Maestro Sandro Verzari Lead trumpept of R.A.I. sinphonic orhchestra

I used the NPS on students with emission problems and it was very useful. If used wisely, it helps you to better center sounds and to establish a perfect balance between air emission and pressure of mouthpiece and your lips.

...Ercole Ceretta

RAI national orchestra <http://digilander.libero.it/ercoleceretta/>

It's truly an innovative idea. It's a great system that forces you to guide the air emission towards the instrument without pressing on your lips. A constant use, assures great results even to less talented players.

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.

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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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Noord-Limburgse Brassband and their **MD Ivan Meylemans** are proud to present their first recording: **ABADDON**.

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 <http://nlbb.be/cd> 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

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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: Abaddon! 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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Keith Fiala's new CD:

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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

New Expanded Range Clarke Ebook.

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1 Beautiful Love V. Young (4:49)
2 A Media Voz P. Perera (6:02)
3 Isn't it Romantic? Rodgers & Hart (6:59)
4 Galo Ponte 6 Y. Ballesteros (5:41)
5 Blue Six Ch. Gil (5:36)

6 Lady Bird T. Dameron (5:03)
7 Minority G. Gryce (3:06)
8 Personalidades Ch. Gil (5:30)
9 A Ra Veloso & Donato (5:49)
10 A Favela Y. Ballesteros (5:10)

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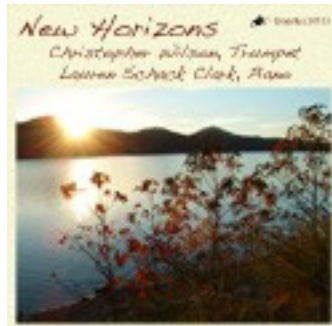


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New Trumpet and Piano CD



“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.

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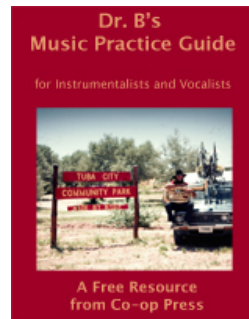
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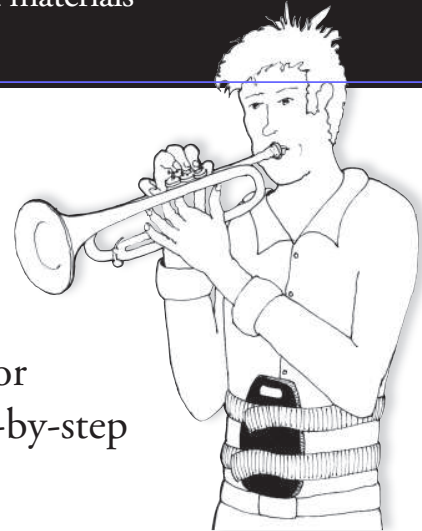
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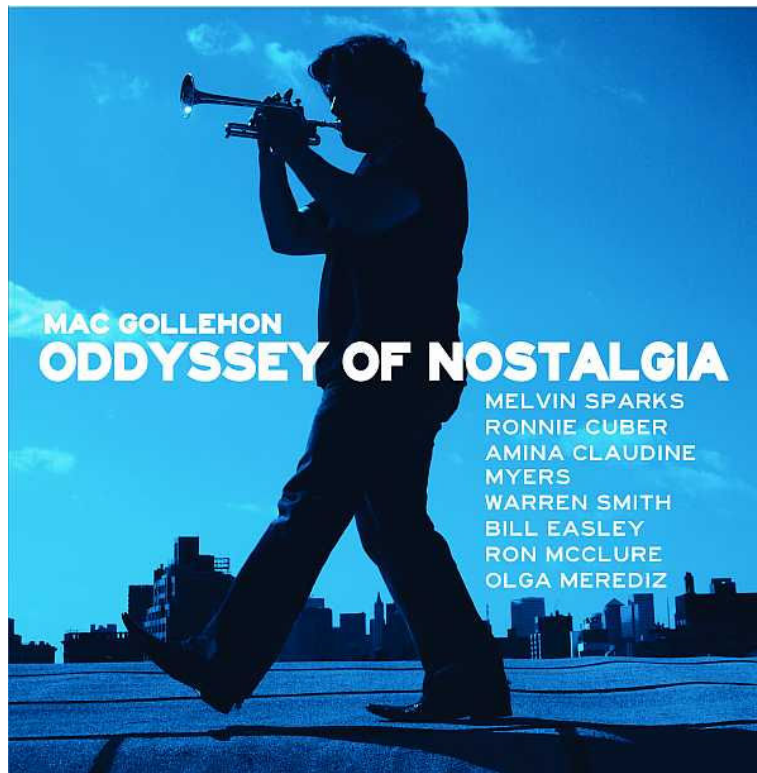
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Andrea Tofanelli

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".

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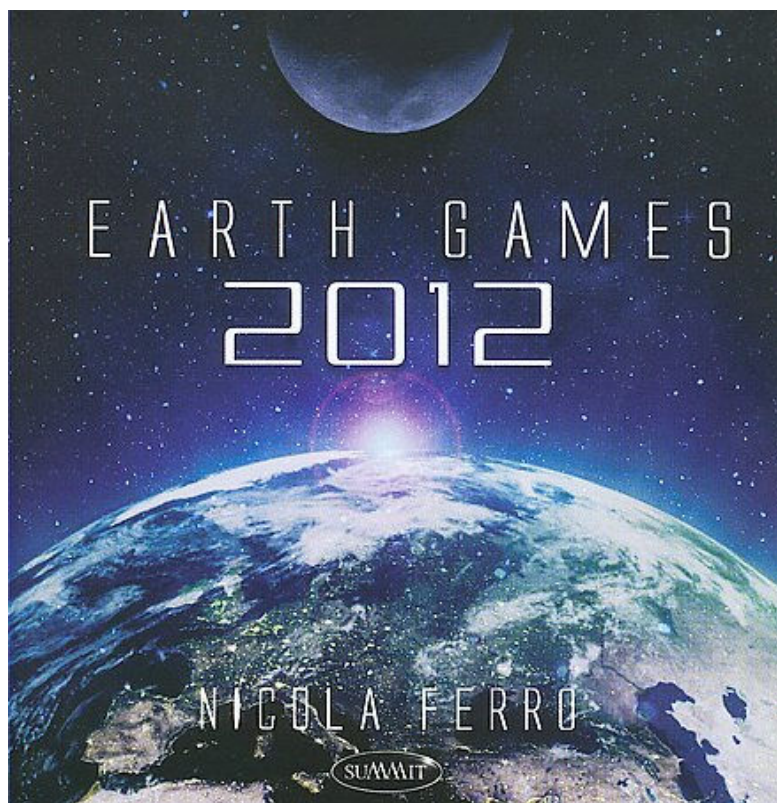


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Another cd I recorded recently and I really and deeply like is "Earth Games 2012", released by Summit Records. The artist is the Italian composer Nicola Ferro, a true genius, incredible composer and talented trombone player.

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

Andrea Tofanelli

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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 hard-bop 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 a 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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Nick Mondello/All About Jazz

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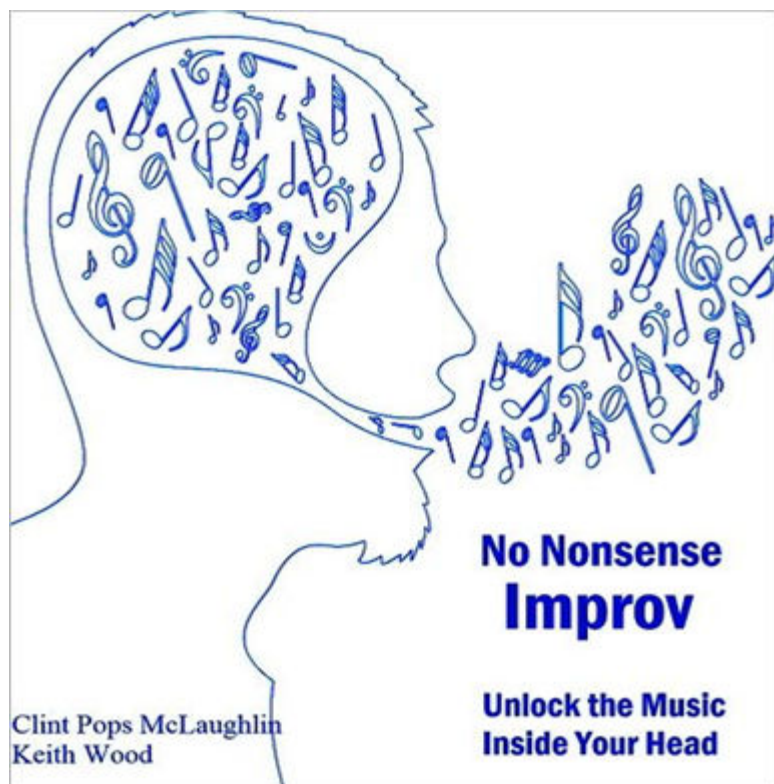
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Review by Allen Vizzutti:

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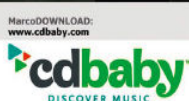
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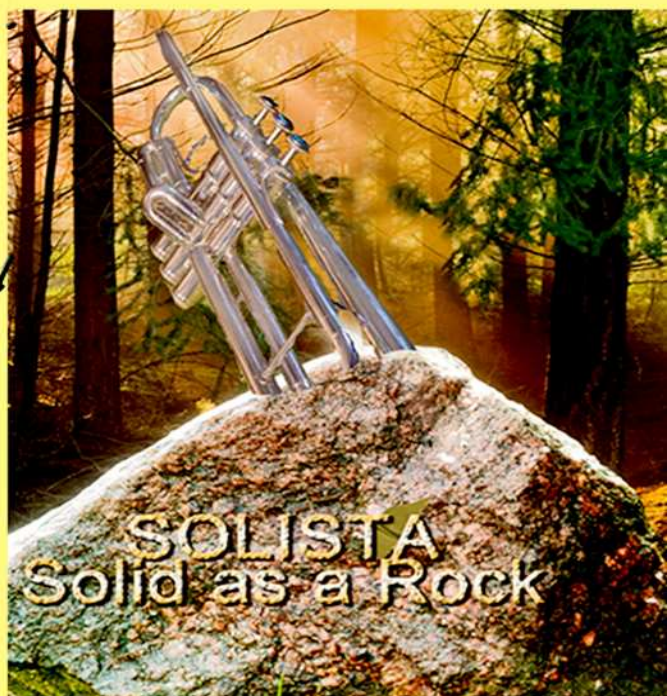
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Review of Pops' New Expanded Range Arban Ebook.

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 have Pops' tips on how to execute correctly, with 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, Larry Engstrom (both UNT alums via Ritchie-Clendenin 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.

For instance, keeping the top space G "set" as your 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 sight-reading abilities. These are all in there...and, yes, the dreaded "Sensation Studies" (my personal peccadillo). I 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 micro-managing 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. If 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>

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 Grammy 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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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.

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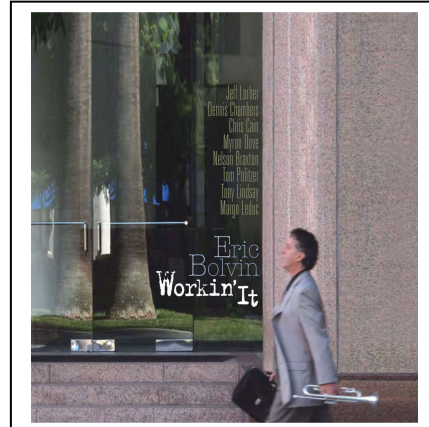
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