

# Helpful Hints for Purchasing Beginner Band Instruments

We are so excited to hear that you are interested in investing in your child's music education. Here are some helpful hints to help you in this process.

First, and most importantly, please communicate with your **band teacher** if you are considering buying. We know that purchasing an instrument can be overwhelming at times. However, we are **experts in the field of music and we are here to help**. Always contact your band teacher prior to buying an instrument.

Second, we strongly recommend your family **rents at least for the first few months** until you are certain that your child and their instrument are a good match. Many music companies offer introductory pricing for the first few months so families have more time to find a quality instrument to purchase. Also, most music companies offer discounts if you purchase the instrument you are already renting. When you are ready to buy, please consider this option.

Third, it is very important to **invest in a quality musical instrument**. The so-called "bargain" instruments may seem tempting, but experience has proven that these instruments are no bargain at all.

- Low prices are a result of lower quality materials and poor workmanship. These instruments tend to break more easily and can be costly or impossible to repair.
- Low quality instruments are often harder to play well, putting your child at a disadvantage to reach their fullest musical potential.
- The sound quality of these instruments is very poor and can negatively impact the sound of the entire band.

Fourth, beware of "deals" advertised online. You can never fully know what you are getting online, and we do not recommend this option. If possible, seek local sellers who often allow the instrument to be play-tested prior to purchase. Just think: Would you buy a car without test driving it first?

We want to see your child's enthusiasm for music continue to grow, and one of the best ways you can do this is through quality instruments. For this reason, we have provided you with a list of recommended instrument brands and models. We have found these instruments to be reliable, easy to repair, and will give your child the best opportunity to succeed as a young musician. You are not limited to this list, but these are the brands and models that are "tried and true." If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact your child's band teacher.

# Recommended Beginner Band Instruments for Yorkville

*These brands and models are proven to be high quality, yet affordable.*

*All brands are listed in order of preference.*

## **Flute**

Yamaha YFL22I

Gemeinhardt 2SP

## **Oboe**

Yamaha YOB24I

## **Clarinet**

Yamaha YCL250 or YCL 255

LeBlanc Bliss 210S

LeBlanc V7214

Buffet Crampon B12

## **Trumpet**

Yamaha YTR200

Bach TR300H2

## **Horn** *Single Horn, sometimes called French Horn or F. Horn*

Yamaha YHR314

Holton H602

Conn 14D

## **Trombone** *sometimes called Tenor Trombone*

Yamaha YSL354

Bach TB301

King 606

## **Euphonium** *sometimes called Baritone*

Yamaha YEP20I

## **Xylophone**

Adams AXLD35 or AMPD33R

Yamaha YXI35

Ross R320 or R410