



# WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL BARITONE

A SMALL INTRODUCTION AND  
HISTORY OF THE BARITONE

# The Baritone

## "NOT A TUBA!"

- The earliest form of a Baritone came from a 'S-shaped' tubed horn, giving itself the name "The Serpent"
- Considered part of the 'brass' family because it's made of brass
- The Baritone is the second largest instrument (next to the Tuba), and is considered a "low brass" voice in the Band

## DID YOU KNOW?...

- The first Baritone horn was introduced in Germany in 1830
- The Baritone was originally named the "Tenor Tuba", because it filled in the higher voices (*aka, the tenor voices*) in the Band
- The Baritone is similar to the Euphonium; the Euphonium has larger tubing and more conically shaped
- The Baritone can play both in Treble and Bass Clef
- The Baritone has the same mouthpiece as the Trombone, and similar fingerings to the Trumpet

## FAMOUS BARITONE AND TUBA PLAYERS (YES, THEY PLAYED IN BAND, TOO!)

Aretha Franklin (*Queen of Soul music*)  
Neil Armstrong (*First man to walk on the moon*)

## HELPFUL LINKS

### Why the Baritone?

#### Famous piece featuring the Baritone

**"Star Spangled Banner" - Euphonium Quartet**

#### Step 1: Making the correct embouchure

**Step 1A: Why Buzzing is so important, and how to improve it**

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