



# WELCOME TO THE TREMENDOUS TROMBONE

A SMALL INTRODUCTION AND  
HISTORY OF THE TROMBONE

# The Trombone

## THE TRUMPET'S COUSIN

- The original style of Trombone came from a Renaissance style "slide trumpet"
- Considered part of the 'brass' family because it's made of brass
- The Trombone is the longest brass instrument, and considered a "low brass" voice

## DID YOU KNOW?...

- The word "Trombone" comes from the Italian word "*Tromba*" meaning "Big Trumpet"
- The Trombone was different from the slide Trumpet, as it had the longer 'u-shaped' slide in the front, allowing it to play lower pitches
- The Trombone is the only Band instrument that can do a *glissando*, or a slide sound
- The Trombone has 9 feet of tubing if uncoiled
- There are 2 different types of Trombones: The Trombone, and the Bass/Trigger Trombone

## FAMOUS TROMBONE PLAYERS (YES, THEY PLAYED IN BAND, TOO!)

Nelly Furtado (*Black Eyed Peas*)

Tony Steward (*Race Car Driver*)

Bill Gates (*Creator of Microsoft Computers*)

## HELPFUL LINKS

### Why the Trombone?

**Famous piece featuring the Trombone**

**"Imperial March: Star Wars"**

**Step 1: Making the correct embouchure**

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

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