



## AXIOM BRASS QUINTET

**Dorival Puccini**, trumpet   **Bryan Millet**, trumpet   **Matthew Oliphant**, horn  
**Brett Johnson**, trombone   **Kevin Harrison**, tuba

### Preparing your school for the Quintet's visit

**Program Description, "Let's Make Music"** *Let's Make Music* is a multicultural, educational music program designed to expose students to the fascinating and diverse world of classical music. This concert is an exciting journey around the world, exploring different cultures through music. During the concert, Axiom will perform musical selections from Germany, Cuba, USA, Belgium, and more. These compositions are carefully chosen to introduce students to different styles and elements of music, and every composition is paired with entertaining information about the composer, the style of the piece, and the unique characteristics of each brass instrument.

During this cultural journey, students will learn the basic principles of how to buzz their lips and produce sounds on a brass instrument. With *Let's Make Music*, students learn to identify Melody, Rhythm, and Harmony, and understand how they coexist within a piece of music. Filled with interactive games such as "Find the Beat," "Where is the Melody," "Who is playing," and "Musical Chairs," Axiom's educational concert, *Let's Make Music*, is sure to ignite your students' curiosity for classical music and the brass family.

### **TERMS**

- Classical music
- Chamber music
- String Instruments
- Woodwinds
- Brass
- Percussion
- Quintet
- Rhythm
- Harmony
- Bell
- Buzzing
- Glissando
- Melody
- Conductor
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Mute



- Orchestra
- Composer
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### **MUSICAL EXCERPTS FROM THE FOLLOWING**

Mini Overture  
Lutoslawski  
Contrapunctus VII  
Bach  
Danzon  
D’Rivera  
Exhibition\*  
Tull  
Oblivion  
Piazzolla

\*multi-movement work which introduces each brass instrument

### **QUESTIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS**

Name the instruments of the brass quintet.

Trumpets, Horn, Trombone, Tuba  
How do we make a sound in a brass instrument?

By buzzing our lips together  
Which instrument appears twice in a brass quintet?

The trumpet  
Which instrument of the brass family does not have valves?

The trombone  
Which instrument of the brass family uses one hand in the bell?

The French horn  
Which instrument of the brass family is the youngest one?

The tuba



Which instrument of the brass family is the oldest one?

The trumpet

What is the lowest instrument in the brass quintet?

The tuba

What instrument plays the highest notes in the brass quintet?

The trumpet

How many people are in a quintet? Quartet? Trio? Duo?

Five - Four - Three - Two

What do we call a person who writes music?

Composer

What do you call the main tune of a piece or song?

Melody

What device is placed in the bell of the instrument to change the way it sounds?

A mute

### **GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT FEEDBACK**

*Ask your students to write to the International Music Foundation using some of the following questions or topics.*

Which piece was the most fun to listen to? Why did you like that piece?

If I had to choose from the different instruments, I'd pick \_\_\_\_\_ because...

A few things I have learned today are...

After listening to the Axiom Brass, I may want to play a brass instrument because...

What are some of the differences between chamber music and orchestral or band music?

How would you describe the sound of each brass instrument?

**Please send artwork / essays / evaluations to:**

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