

## Compendium of Quality Musical Instruments

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### Flute

#### **Good**

Yamaha	362
Pearl	665
Trevor James	Cantabile

#### **Better**

Yamaha	462
Miyazawa	102
Miyazawa	202

#### **Best**

Pearl	765
Miyazawa	402

### Piccolo

#### **Good**

Yamaha	YPC32
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#### **Better**

Yamaha	YPC-62
Yamaha	YPC-81, 82

#### **Best**

Keefe	Any model
Hammig	Any model
Emerson	Boston Legacy
Hammig	650/2 or 3

### **Merchants:**

Rieman's Music  
Uptempo Music  
West Music, Coralville, IA  
Woodwind Brasswind  
Miyazawa Flutes  
Hammig Piccolos

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### Oboe

#### **Good**

Fox Renard 300

#### **Better**

Fox Renard 330, 330 Protégé  
Fox 450  
Rigoutat Rlec  
Fossati  
Howarth

#### **Best**

Yamaha TOB-831 or 841  
Loree Royal

### Bassoon

#### **Good**

#### **Better**

Fox Renard 222

#### **Best**

Fox Renard 220

#### **Merchants:**

Rieman's Music

Uptempo Music

Woodwind Brasswind

Midwest Musical Impor [www.mmimports.com/index.html](http://www.mmimports.com/index.html)

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### Clarinet (B-Flat)

#### **Good**

Selmer CL211  
Yamaha 450 Series YCL450N

#### **Better**

Buffet Crampon E11 / E13  
Yamaha CSVR

#### **Best**

Buffet Crampon	R13
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Selmer Paris Signature B16 (followed by any combination of letters / numbers)

### Mouthpieces

#### **Better**

Hite Premiere  
Fobes Debut  
Vandoren B45

#### **Best**

Vandoren M15 or Vandoren M30  
Fobes San Francisco Series (many options here)

### Bass Clarinet (B-flat)

#### **Good**

Yamaha YCL-221 II  
Selmer 1430LP

#### **Better**

Buffet 1180

#### **Best**

Buffet BC1183

### Mouthpieces

#### **Better/Best**

Clark Fobes Debut  
Vandoren B44 or B45  
Selmer C85 Medium  
Bill Street #4

### Merchants

Rieman's Music  
Uptempo Music

#### **Lisa's Clarinet Shop (lisaclarinetshop.com)**

Tenor Madness (Waterloo Iowa: tenormadness.com)  
Woodwind Brasswind (wwbw.com)  
Frederic Weiner Music (weinermusic.com)

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### Alto Sax

#### **Good**

Cannonball stone lined pro series  
Selmer Soloist Series

#### **Better**

Yamaha 82z pro series  
Yamaha 62III

#### **Best**

Selmer Series II or III  
Yamaha EX

### Tenor Sax

#### **Good**

Cannonball stone lined pro series

#### **Better**

Yamaha EX

#### **Best**

Selmer Series II or III

### Bari Sax

#### **Good**

#### **Better**

Yanagisawa B991

#### **Best**

Selmer Series II or III

### Mouthpieces

#### **Good**

#### **Alto**

Hite or Vandoren student lines

#### **Better**

Selmer S80 or S90 (C, C\*, C\*\*)  
W/ 170, 180, or 190 facing

#### **Best**

Vandoren L3 optimum series  
Vandoren Optimum AL3/AL4

#### **Tenor**

Selmer S90 180/190  
Selmer S80 C\*\*/D

Vandoren V5 T20

#### **Bari**

Selmer S90 180/190

Vandoren Optimum BL3

### **Merchants**

Rieman's Music  
Uptempo Music  
Tenor Madness Cedar Falls  
The Saxophone Shop, Evanston, Ill.  
Selmer Pro Shop and Vintage Horns  
ProWinds

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### Trumpet

#### **Good**

Bach  
Bach

Soloist  
TR200S

#### **Better**

Yamaha  
Yamaha  
Getzen

YTR5335  
YTR4335  
Custom Series (B-flat)

#### **Best**

Bach  
Yamaha

Stradivarius  
Xeno

### Mouthpieces

Bach 5C  
Bach 1 1/2 C or 3C

#### **Merchants:**

Rieman's Music  
Uptempo Music  
Woodwind Brasswind  
Musicians Friend  
Interstate Music  
Thompson Music, Omaha, NE

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### Horn

#### **Good**

Yamaha 567  
Holton 378, 379  
Holton H-179, 180, or 181  
Conn 6D

#### **Better**

Yamaha 671/668

#### **Best**

Yamaha 667VL  
Conn 8, 9, 10 or 11-D

### Mouthpieces

Holton Farkas MDC  
Schilke 30  
Giardinelli C-series

### **Merchants:**

Rieman's Music  
Uptempo Music  
Woodwind Brasswind  
Wichita Band Instruments  
Osmun Brass  
Musicians Friend  
Interstate Music

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### Trombone (Large Bore)

<b>Good</b>		<b>Better</b>		<b>Best</b>	
Bach	Soloist (prefer model 210)	King	3 BF	Bach	42 BO or 42 T
Maas				Getzen	Custom 3047
				Conn 88HO	88 HO
				Edwards	T-350
				Shires	Custom Large Bore

### Mouthpieces

Schilke 51 - Large Bore

Bach 6-1/2 AL

### **Merchants:**

Rieman's Music

Uptempo Music

Woodwind Brasswind

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### Euphonium

#### **Better**

Yamaha YEP-321

#### **Best**

Meinl-Weston 451, 551, 751  
Yamaha YEP-642, YEP-842S  
Willson 2900S  
Besson Sovereign or Prestige series

### Mouthpieces

Schilke 51

Schilke Symphony Series D5.1

Bach 6-1/2 AL

\*\*On any mouthpiece be sure to match correct bore size to instrument

#### **Merchants:**

Rieman's Music

Uptempo Music

Baltimore Brass

Wichita Band Instruments

Osmun Brass

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### Tuba

#### **Better**

Yamaha	YBB-641
Yamaha	321
Conn	5J
King	2341

#### **Best**

Meinl Weston	25
Hirsbrunner	HB-1
Miraphone	186

### Mouthpieces

Conn Helleburg  
Parantucci PT-36  
Dennis Wick

#### **Merchants:**

Rieman's Music  
Uptempo Music  
Woodwind Brasswind  
Wichita Band Instruments  
Osmun Brass  
Musicians Friend  
Interstate Music  
Baltimore Brass

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### Snare Drum (Concert)

Pearl	Master Series Symphonic Cu:	Best
Pearl	Philaharmonic Aluminum	Best
Yamaha	CSS-1455	Good

### Snare Sticks (Concert)

Cooperman	Greg Zuber Nothung	Best
Vic Firth	SD1	Best
Vic Firth	TG15	Good

### Marimba Mallets

Innovative Percussion	IP300 (Hard)	Best
Innovative Percussion	IP240 (Medium)	Best
Innovative Percussion	IP200 (Soft)	Best
Encore	Nancy Zeltsman Series	Best
Mike Balter	213B	Good

### Timpani Mallets

Cleveland	CB3 Series	Best
Vic Firth	T1-General	Good

### Merchants

Rieman Music  
Uptempo Music  
Percussion Source  
steveweissmusic.com  
Lone Star Percussion

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### **Recommended Starter Pack (Round 1):**

Stick Bag with room for growth  
Snare Sticks: Vic Firth SD1  
Marimba: Innovative Percussion IP240  
Timpani: Vic Firth T1-General  
Pitch Pipe

### **Recommended Bonus Pack (round 2):**

Everything above plus:  
Snare Sticks: Cooperman Greg Zuber Nothung  
Marimba: Innovative Percussion IP200 & IP300  
Timpani: Vic Firth T3-Stacatto  
Xylophone: Mike Balter R91

### **Recommended Advanced Pack (Round 3):**

Everything above plus:  
Timpani Vic Firth T2-Soft & T4-Very Hard  
Marimba Encore Nancy Zeltsman Series  
Xylo Innovative Percussion FS350 / FS550

### **Jazz Band Drummer:**

Drum Set: Vic Firth "Peter Erskine Ride" sticks