

# Compendium of Quality Musical Instruments

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## Flute

### **Good**

Yamaha	361
Pearl	665
Yamaha	YFL-461

### **Better**

Yamaha	461
Miyazawa	102
Trevor James	Cantabile

### **Best**

Pearl	765
Miyazawa	202
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  
West Music, Coralville, IA  
Woodwind Brasswind  
Miyazawa Flutes  
Hammig Piccolos

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### Oboe

Good		Better		Best	
Fox Renard	300	Fox Renard	330, 330 Protégé	Yamaha	TOB-831 or 841
		Fox	450	Loree	Royal
		Rigoutat	Rlec		
		Fossati			
		Howarth			

### Bassoon

Good		Better		Best	
		Fox Renard	222	Fox Renard	220

### Merchants:

Rieman's Music

Woodwind Brasswind

Midwest Musical Import [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  
Selmer Paris Signature B16SIG

#### **Best**

*Buffet Crampon	R13
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\*By far the best: if possible, get this.

### 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

#### **Better**

Selmer 1430LP

#### **Best**

Buffet BC1183

### Mouthpieces

#### **Better/Best**

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

### Merchants

Rieman's Music

**Lisa's Clarinet Shop (lisasclarinetshop.com)**

Tenor Madness (Waterloo Iowa: tenormadness.com)

Woodwind Brasswind (wwwbw.com)

Frederic Weiner Music (weinermusic.com)

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### Alto Sax

Good		Better		Best	
Cannonball	stone lined pro series	Yamaha	Z pro series	Selmer	Series II or III
		Selmer	La Voix or reference series		
		Yamaha	EX		

### Tenor Sax

Good		Better		Best	
Cannonball	stone lined pro series	Yamaha	EX	Selmer	Series II or III

### Bari Sax

Good		Better		Best	
		Yanagisawa	B991	Selmer	Series II or III

### Mouthpieces

Good	Better	Best
<b>Alto</b>		
Hite or Vandoren student lines	Selmer S80 or S90 (C, C*, C**) W/ 170, 180, or 190 facing	Vandoren L3 optimum series Vandoren Optimum AL3/AL4
<b>Tenor</b>		
	Selmer S90 180/190 Selmer S80 C**/D	Vandoren V5 T20
<b>Bari</b>		
	Selmer S90 180/190	Vandoren Optimum BL3

### Merchants

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

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## Trumpet

### **Good**

Bach                      Soloist

### **Better**

Yamaha                      YTR4335  
Bach                      TR200S

### **Best**

Bach                      Stradivarius  
Yamaha                      Xeno  
Sonare                      TR9 BYS

## Mouthpieces

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

## **Merchants:**

Rieman's 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

### **Better**

Yamaha 667/668  
Conn 8D

### **Best**

Yamaha 667VL  
Conn 11D

## **Mouthpieces**

Holton Farkas MDC  
Schilke 30  
Giardinelli C-series

## **Merchants:**

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

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### Trombone

#### **Good**

Bach                      Soloist

#### **Better**

Conn 88HO              88 HO  
King                      3B

#### **Best**

Bach                      42 BO or 42 T  
Getzen                      Custom 3047  
Edwards                      T-350  
Shires                      Custom Large Bore

### Mouthpieces

Schilke 51 - Large Bore

Schilke Symphony Series D5.1

Bach 6-1/2 AL

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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

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Rieman's 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  
Woodwind Brasswind  
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### Snare Drum (Concert)

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

### Snare Sticks (Concert)

Cooperman	Greg Zuber Nothung	Best
Vic Firth	TG15	Best
Vic Firth	SD1	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  
Percussion Source  
Lone Star Percussion  
steveweissmusic.com

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

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

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

Everything above plus:  
Snare Sticks: Vic Firth TG15  
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