

Suggested Listening

Tone is the quality of the sound produced on an instrument. Achieving good tone is probably the most elusive and abstract part of playing an instrument, yet it is also the most important part. One of the best ways to achieve great tone is to work with a private teacher who can play with and for the student. A second way is to **listen to lots of performances and recordings**. Below is a list of recommended performers to get you started.

FULL BAND: *Eastman Wind Ensemble, Tokyo Kosei Wind Orchestra, Dallas Wind Symphony, President's Own Marine Band*

FLUTE: *Jean-Pierre Rampal, James Galway, Jazz performers: Bud Shank, Hubert Laws, Frank Wess (with Count Basie)*

OBOE: *Heinz Holliger, Nancy Ambrose King, John De Lancie, John Mack, Harold Gomborg, Marcel Tabateau.*

CLARINET: *Robert Marcellus, Harold Wright, David Schifrin, Richard Stoltzman. Jazz Performers: Benny Goodman, Eddie Daniels.*

SAXOPHONE: *Marcel Mulé, Vincent Abato, Eugene Rousseau, Eugene Bozza, Laura Hunter, Harvey Pittel, Branford Marsalis. Jazz performers: Charlie Parker, Stan Getz, Sonny Rollins, Phil Woods, Joshua Redmond, John Coltrane, Lester Young, Gerry Mulligan, Harry Carney.*

BASSOON: *Sherman Walt, Claus Thunemann, John Miller, Christopher Weait, Judith Leclaire, Frank Morelli, Milan Turcovic.*

WOODWIND QUINTETS: (flute, oboe, clarinet, french horn and bassoon): *Dorian Woodwind Quintet, Philadelphia Woodwind Quintet, New York Woodwind Quintet.*

TRUMPET: *Maurice Andre, Armando Ghitalla, Wynton Marsalis (crosses styles and is equally good in classical and jazz), Christopher Martin. Jazz performers: Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, Dizzie Gillespie, Chuck Mangione, Maynard Ferguson, Freddie Hubbard.*

HORN: *Hermann Baumann, Froydis Ree Werke, Barry Tuckwell, Dennis Brain, Alan Civil, Phil Farkas.*

TROMBONE: *Christian Lindberg, John Swallow, Bradnimir Slokar. Jazz performers: Melba Liston (The first professional woman jazz trombone player), Hal Crook, JJ Johnson, Slide Hampton, Frank Rosolino, Bill Watrous.*

BARITONE/EUPHONIUM: *Brian Bowman, Robert Childs, Nicholas Childs, Roger Behrend, Jean-Pierre Chevallier. Jazz performer: Rich Matteson.*

TUBA: *Patrick Sheridan, Sam Pilafian, Roger Bobo, Dan Perantoni, Gene Pokorny, Jim Self*

BRASS ENSEMBLES: *Canadian Brass, Dallas Brass, Chicago Symphony Orchestra Brass, Mnozil Brass.*

PERCUSSION: *Jazz Drumset performers: Max Roach, Buddy Rich, Louie Belson, Art Blakey, Elvin Jones, Mel Lewis, Peter Erskine, Cindy Blackman. Vibraphone: Gary Burton, Lionel Hampton. Marimba: Keiko Abe, Evelyn Glynnie. Check out videos on VicFirth.com and drummerworld.com.*