

Gifts for Musicians!

Not sure what to get you child musician? Here is a list of suggestions for birthdays, holidays, allowance, good grade incentives, etc.

General:

- **Private Lessons:** invaluable, and worth every penny!
- **Sheet music:** Almost any! It will give them something to play outside of band!
- **Polishing cloths:** you will want to know if they play on a brass, nickel silver, or sterling silver instrument to get the right cloth
- **Music Stand:** You can get a great portable stand with a hard back for about \$20
- **Metronome/tuner:** Korg TM-40 or Boss TU-80 goes for about \$25
- **Gig bag**
- **New Case**
- **Instrument cleaning supplies**
- **Instrument stand**

Flutes:

- **Carrying case with shoulder strap**

Clarinets:

- **New Mouthpiece:** Vandoren B45 Traditional, or Vandoren 5R Lyre \$76.00
- **New Ligature:** Rovner Dark Clarinet Ligature \$18.00
- **Reed Guards**
- **Box of reeds:** Vandoren strength 3 or 3.5

Saxes:

- **New Mouthpiece:** Alto Saxes: Selmer C*, Tenor Saxes: Selmer D*
- **New Ligature:** Rovner Dark Alto Sax or Tenor Sax Ligature \$18.00
- **Saxophone Swab**
- **Reed Guards**
- **Box of Reeds:** Altos or Tenors: Vandoren Strength 3

Oboes/Bassoons:

- **Reeds, Reeds, Reeds!**
- **Reed Cases, and Reed making kit (plus lessons on how to make!)**
- **For bassoons: a new Bocal**

Trumpets:

- **Mouthpiece:** Bach 1C, 1 ½C, 1F (student should try out), 3C
- **Mutes:** Straight, cup, plunger, Harmon mutes
- **Silent Brass Practice system:** you won't believe how awesome it is! \$125.00
- **Arban's Complete Trumpet Method Book:** The trumpeter's Bible!

French Horns:

- **Mouthpiece:** Holton Farkas Medium Cup (MC), Deep Cup (DC)
- **Mutes:** Straight, cup, plunger, Harmon mutes
- **Silent Brass Practice system:** you won't believe how awesome it is! \$153.00

Trombones:

- **Mouthpiece:** Bach 6 ½ AL, Bach 5
- **Mutes:** Straight, cup, plunger mutes
- **Silent Brass Practice system:** you won't believe how awesome it is! \$140.00

Euphoniums:

- **Mouthpiece:** Bach 6 ½ AL, Bach 5G, Bach 3G, Yamaha 51D
- **Mutes:** Straight, cup, plunger mutes
- **Silent Brass Practice system:** you won't believe how awesome it is! \$175.00

Tubas:

- **Mouthpiece:** Conn Helleberg Standard (preferred!), Bach 22, Bach 18

Percussionists:

- **Stick bags**
- **Practice pads (the more expensive, the quieter they are...)**
- **Drumsticks (check for what they need: Concert, Marching, etc.)**
- **Mallets (all percussionists should begin building a mallet collection:**
 - **Medium Strength Marimba and Vibes Yarn Mallets**
 - **Hard Plastic, Soft Plastic Mallets**
 - **Timpani mallets (Staccato, regular)**
- **A Snare Drum (or even a Drum set)**
- **Drum Key**
- **Metronome**