

# Mr. Drake's

## Recommended Instrument Brands

### If you are planning on using the Music Shoppe, you do not need this list

As a parent investing in your child's music education, it is very important to invest in a quality musical instrument. So called "bargain" instruments, available online or at discount stores, may seem tempting; however, experience has proven over and over again that these instruments are truly no "bargain" at all. Most often, the low price is the result of poor workmanship and lower quality materials. These instruments usually break more easily and are difficult, sometimes impossible, to repair. In many cases, they cannot be played in tune and the quality of the sound they produce is very poor. It is disheartening to see a child's enthusiasm for music destroyed by an instrument that does not allow them to reach their full potential. A poor quality instrument also affects the overall sound of the band, tarnishing the experience for all. It is with these concerns in mind that we provide you with this list of recommended band instrument brands and accessories. We have found over the years that these instruments are durable, easy to repair, and will give your child the best opportunity to succeed as a young musician. If the instrument you are considering is not listed here, ask the seller for the instrument specifications and consult with Mr. Drake before you rent or buy

#### **Flute**

Gemeinhardt (e.g. 52SP, 2SP)

Armstrong (e.g. 104)

Yamaha (e.g. YFL221)

#### **Oboe**

Yamaha (e.g. YOB241)

Selmer (e.g. 1492B)

#### **Clarinet**

Leblanc (e.g. 7214, 7212PC)

Buffet (e.g. B12, E-11)

Selmer (e.g. CL301, CL201)

Yamaha (e.g. YCL200, 450N)

#### **Saxophone**

Yamaha (e.g. YAS23A, YAS23)

Selmer (e.g. AS300)

**Trumpet**

Selmer/Bach (e.g. TR300H)

Yamaha (e.g. 2335A)

Holton

**Trombone**

Yamaha (e.g. YSL354)

Conn (e.g. 22H)

King (e.g. 606)

**Baritone/Euphonium**

Yamaha YEP201

Bach B1104

**Percussion Practice Kit** – Ludwig, Pearl, Vic Firth, Yamaha Vic Firth

- Sticks needed: Snare Drum (Vic Firth SD1), Bell Mallets

basic stick bag Sticks: Yarn, Plastic, Snare, Timpani

\*Stick bags complete with full set of mallets are available in a package at the beginning of each school year through Mr. Drake and the Music Shoppe

Again, when in doubt, email Mr. Drake  
with the instrument information and I'll let  
you know if it is good enough for your  
student!

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