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Trumpet ***Basics***

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Preface

Welcome to *Trumpet Basics*!

This book is a “basic course” designed for an easy start to learn playing the trumpet during the first weeks and months.

The **rapid introduction** immediately teaches you how to create sounds and leads to the first three notes and simple exercises via theory without further ado.

Please pay special attention to the chapter **Breathing**. I recommend that you repeatedly refer to this section and frequently perform the breathing exercises while working with this book. The proper breathing technique will prevent the occurrence of many typical problems. After learning the basics from the chapter **Notation**, you should continue working through each chapter. This ensures that your enjoyment of playing the trumpet and the music will gradually increase.

I strongly recommend learning to play the instrument with a trumpet teacher. The techniques involved with learning to play a brass instrument are very complicated and the risk of errors and bad habits when learning it through self-instruction is far too great. The eyes and ears of a teacher can spare you a great deal of time and energy, while allowing you to progress more quickly. Moreover, your teacher can show you additional exercises and write them out for you.

The included accompaniment CD contains audio examples and piano accompaniments. You can listen to any exercise (played by a trumpet and a piano) or play it yourself – with the piano accompaniment only.

Good luck in learning to play the trumpet,

Martin Reuthner

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