

# ANATOMY OF THE TRUMPET

Known as 'The Instrument of Kings,' the trumpet is one of the most versatile wind instruments, found in almost all musical genres. Though composed of more than 150 parts, the modern trumpet is still essentially just a metal tube between bell and mouthpiece, with only three valves to alter its length. Despite this seeming simplicity, virtually every detail of a Yamaha trumpet has been scientifically designed for precise intonation, a beautiful tonal spectrum and dynamic sound.



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Trumpet-like instruments have existed since the dawn of civilization. Primitive trumpets made from animal horns or hollowed bones may have been played 50,000 years ago! The earliest trumpets we know of were made in Egypt 4,000 years ago, but it was during the Baroque era that the trumpet became a sophisticated concert instrument. Shown here is a Baroque "natural" trumpet in D made in 1738.



Natural trumpet shown courtesy of the Hamamatsu Municipal Instrument Museum