

## **MONRONEY SUPPLY LIST FOR BEGINNING BAND**

Below are the recommended brands that have proven to be “student-proof” for sturdiness with beginning band students. There have been many department and retail stores who are advertising low cost band instruments. In my opinion, these are low quality instruments, and have proven frustrating for the beginning band student and for the parent who has to send the instrument out to be repaired. Many of these low cost band instruments cannot be repaired locally and require a lot of time from the parent. I know they sound like a great deal because they are so cheap, but since most of the time they cannot be repaired, they actually cost you more money because you must purchase another horn.

If you purchase a USED instrument, please take it to the Jenkins’ repairman, Ron Cole, for an evaluation for its value and for an estimate of needed repairs. Please be careful of purchasing instruments over the internet. They are not always in good playing condition, and can cost more in repairs than what it would cost to buy a new instrument.

The HORN TRADER in Oklahoma City sells good quality used instruments. SOONER ACOUSTIC MUSIC on Air Depot also sells new and used instruments. If you purchase your instrument from either store, please make sure that it is one of the brands that we recommend. Also, you will need to make sure that you purchase your supplies and books from one of the three stores listed below.

JENKINS MUSIC, EDMOND MUSIC & LARSEN MUSIC have “RENT-TO-OWN PLANS” on both new & used instruments. All three stores do business with us and will “stand behind” their instruments. All three of the stores also have the book, supplies, and reeds for any instrument. Jenkins also offers an insurance plan on horns for \$4 extra per month (it’s definitely worth it!) Shop for used rent-to-own instruments in late May & early June when returns are taken back to the music store.

The music book is Essential Elements 2000, Book1 (price varies from \$7.95 to \$14.95 depending on the instrument.) The book comes with a DVD that the students can “play along” with at home. The people demonstrating on the DVD do an excellent job of demonstrating how to hold the instrument, how to produce a good sound, and how to take care of it.

When purchasing a new or used instrument please make sure to budget in the necessary accessories and supplies that the beginning band student will need. This includes the beginning band book, reeds, and care kit for that instrument. The instruments below list the recommended brand, book needed, and all of the accessories that need to be purchased along with the instrument.

### **FLUTES**

Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Yamaha, & Armstrong are good brands. Silver flutes are preferred over nickel-plated. New beginner flutes cost around \$750 but rent-to-own is around \$50 per month. You will also need a SILVER POLISH CLOTH, A TUNING ROD, SILK FABRIC SWAB, and the BOOK, Essential Elements 2000, for flute.

## CLARINETS

Buffet-Evette, Yamaha, Jupiter, Bundy, & Selmer are good brands. You will have a choice of plastic or wooden; wooden is the best, but is a bit more expensive. A new clarinet will cost around \$750; rent-to-own about \$50 per month. You will also need to purchase a BOX OF MEDIUM REEDS (size 3), a SILK SWAB, a MOUTHPIECE BRUSH, CORK GREASE and the BOOK, Essential Elements 2000, for clarinet.

## ALTO SAXES

Yamaha, Bundy, Armstrong, Jupiter, & Conn are good brands. New alto saxes cost about \$1400 so try to get a good used one. Be careful buying a used sax; make sure the leather pads are not rotted and the cork is healthy. The student will also need a BOX OF MEDIUM REEDS (size 3), a SILK SWAB, a MOUTHPIECE BRUSH, CORK GREASE, a POLISH CLOTH and the BOOK, Essential Elements 2000, for ALTO SAX.

## TRUMPETS OR CORNETS

Bach, Holton, Yamaha, Jupiter, Conn, & King are great. We prefer trumpet over cornet but either one will do. New cost about \$795; rent-to-own about \$50 per month. The student will also need a POLISH CLOTH, VALVE OIL, a MOUTHPIECE BRUSH and the BOOK, Essential Elements 2000.

## TROMBONE

Bundy, Bach, Conn, Holton, Yamaha, Jupiter & King are great. It is hard to ruin a trombone, so you can get a good used t-bone for about \$150. New trombones are about \$795. The student will also need a POLISH CLOTH, SLIDE OIL, a MOUTHPIECE BRUSH and the BOOK, Essential Elements 2000.

## PERCUSSION

Each percussionist will need to purchase a PERCUSSION KIT that includes a bell set, a practice pad (NOT a snare drum!) bell mallets, drum sticks, and a stand. You can find good used percussion kits for about \$150. New kits are about \$395. Vic Firth General drum sticks are REQUIRED. You can ask the store to replace the sticks that are included in the kit. You will also need to purchase the BOOK, Essential Elements 2000 for percussion.