

SUPERSTARS OF BRASS

10 great videos to watch from some legends of brass.

1. TINE THING HELSETH – Haydn Trumpet Concerto, 3rd Movement

<https://youtu.be/ASB6hFUat4g>

2. JOHN FLETCHER (tuba) – Flight of the Bumblebee

<https://youtu.be/2-NVMsj6lXA>

3. BLACK DYKE BAND – Hedwig's Theme

<https://youtu.be/kXI3pKiVa3A>

4. MILES DAVIS – Ascenseur pour l'Echafaud (Lift to the Scaffold)

<https://youtu.be/PW-SxgZViuk>

5. CAROL JARVIS (trombones) – Back to the Future

<https://youtu.be/bq9xBEpBrwM>

6. MNOZIL BRASS – James Bond

<https://youtu.be/b9PCyUIg4u4>

7. RADOVAN VLATKOVIC – Mozart Horn Concerto no.4, 3rd movement

<https://youtu.be/jbuELxd54nY>

8. ARTURO SANDOVAL – A Night in Tunisia

<https://youtu.be/6A3SX9LOGQs>

9. CAROL JANTSCH (tuba) – The Carnival of Venice

<https://youtu.be/hu52NuHjx5M>

10. DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND – My feet can't fail me now

<https://youtu.be/ASGn9H5fdPM>

Suggested Activities

Choose one or more of the following activities to have a go at, related to brass playing:

1. Which video did you enjoy most? What was it about the music that made you enjoy it? What type of music was it? (eg Classical, Jazz, Latin). Which instruments could you hear or see in the video?
2. Choose your favourite player or group from video selections. Do some research on them and write a short biography about them. It needn't be any longer than half a page of A4. If they are a soloist, I'd like to know their date of birth, where they were born, when they started playing their instrument and which groups or orchestras they played with. If they are a group I'd like to know where they are based, when the group was founded (started), their most famous recordings how many members there are in the group and which instruments are in the group.
3. What is the name of the big instrument that wraps around the body of the player in the Dirty Dozen Brass Band? Can you draw the instrument?
4. Research your own instrument. When was it invented? Which groups can it play in? What is the lowest note and the highest note it can play? Draw a diagram of it and label the different parts.
5. CHALLENGE: There is lots of film music in the selected videos. (Hedwig's Theme, Back to the Future, James Bond). What is your favourite film theme? Can you work out a part of the tune on your instrument?

If you have been inspired by the videos and activities and would like to join a Brass group, you can find information on Leeds Schools' Brass Ensemble at the link below:

<https://artformsleeds.co.uk/music/citywide-and-community-music-making/city-of-leeds-youth-music/leeds-schools-brass-band/>