

Sound the trumpets

Trumpets are some of the oldest instruments, dating back to 1500 BC. Bronze and silver trumpets were found in Tutankhamen's tomb. Early trumpets could only make 1 or 2 sounds and were used as signals to proclaim something important, rather than as a musical instrument. It wasn't until the 14th and 15th centuries that trumpets were used for musical enjoyment.



A *shofar* is a trumpet-like instrument made from a ram's horn. In the Bible, shofars were used to announce holidays and the year of Jubilee.



Listen to Joseph Haydn's "Trumpet Concerto" or Louis Armstrong's trumpet solo "When the Saints Go Marching In."



Trumpet trivia

How many trumpets were played to celebrate the dedication of King Solomon's temple? (See 2 Chronicles 5:12.)

- a. 3
- b. 15
- c. 120
- d. 500

Did you know?

Beginning in 396 BC, trumpeting was an event in the Olympic games. Trumpet players were judged on their volume and endurance. Herodorus of Megara won 10 times, making him the champion for 40 years. He was even able to play 2 trumpets at once!

