

Educational Programs with iTromboni

Renowned for their outreach and school concerts, *iTromboni* combines an engaging relaxed performance style with educational and entertaining demonstrations of different instrumental techniques, styles, musical periods, and the physics of the instruments themselves. From classical to



contemporary, the group chooses repertoire to reflect outstanding quality, diversity and entertainment value.

iTromboni is aware of the need to tailor educational programs to best suit their audience and is sensitive to the differing educational needs and abilities of younger and older students alike. For example, younger students can learn all about the Composer's Toolbox, a section of the program where the building blocks of music (such as form, tempo, emotion, etc.) are explored and brought to a better understanding by all. Programs are available in either English or French, are typically 45-50 minutes in length but can be adjusted to whatever best suits your students and we have gladly incorporated students – even entire grade levels! - into the performance upon teachers' requests.

Musically speaking, our educational programs are not entirely different from our concert programs since the goal of *iTromboni* is to entertain, educate and bring great music-making to kids of all ages; be they 5 or 65.



Goals of an iTromboni Educational Experience

To entertain.

Although students will gain insight and a further understanding of musical concepts, iTromboni aims to show how to have fun through music. iTromboni are internationally recognized as elite performers. Hearing our unique “Flight of the Bumblebeasts” always seems to get their attention.

To introduce different styles and genres of music.

Students will gain an appreciation of the features which make one piece of music quite different from another. iTromboni performs a varied program ranging from Bach to “The Simpsons”.

To promote live music on any instrument, not just the trombone.

Certainly students will learn how a brass instrument works and how sound is generated. They will also learn how the trombone is actually a unique family of many instruments that can make a wide variety of sounds by different types of manipulation and extended techniques. **Yet** our goal is to encourage students to take pride in their instrument of choice. If 5 trombones can make it work... so can they!

To show how music represents objects and ideas beyond the notes.

Music is able to paint a picture and tell a story. Students will enjoy iTromboni’s presentation of repertoire like Vivaldi’s Spring from the Four Seasons where different musical motives are shown to represent the sights and sounds of springtime (i.e. birds, brooks, lightning, etc.). Younger audiences can learn about the Composer’s Toolbox, where the building blocks of music are explored.

To nurture a sense of national pride.

Members of iTromboni are from all across Canada. The Team Canada of Trombones takes great pride in being Canadian. Elements of the performance present positive ideas of being Canadian. Students will cheer as they hear their national anthem magically transformed into Hockey Night in Canada. The show can also be presented in either of our official languages – English or French.

To answer questions.

We are constantly surprised by the useful and insightful questions posed to us by the students and teachers themselves. Every iTromboni educational program has the option of a question and answer period during or after the performance.