

WARM-UP

BY MICHAEL DAVIS

with performances by

PHIL SMITH



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introduction

Welcome to the 20 Minute Warm-Up Routine. This book/CD is designed to give you a daily routine that will do more than just warm you up. It will challenge you and enhance your skills as a brass player.

I hope you find these exercises to be a creative and inventive way of focusing on the most important elements of brass playing: sound, time and pitch. As you will notice, the 20 Minute Warm-Up Routine is a more advanced set of exercises than its predecessor, the 15 Minute Warm-Up Routine. If you're like me, you'll find it advantageous to alternate between the two routines. On days when my chops feel fresh and I want more of a workout in my warm-up, I'll use the 20 Minute Routine. On days when my chops are tired, perhaps from a long gig the night before, I'll opt for the 15 Minute Routine. In general, I find it beneficial to vary my warm-up. These two routines will give you that flexibility.

For those of you who have been using the 15 Minute Warm-Up Routine, we have structured the 20 Minute Warm-Up Routine in a very similar way. The first 15 tracks will include a demonstration of the exercises by either Phil Smith (trumpet), Chris Komer (french horn), myself (trombone) or Gene Pokorny (tuba). These tracks will give you a model or guide to work from. I find these demonstration tracks to be an extremely valuable point of reference. Tracks 16–30 are the same tracks as 1–15 minus the demonstration performance. These are the tracks you will spend most of your time practicing with. I believe by playing along with this CD, you will increase the productivity and enjoyment of your daily routine.

You will notice that there are no dynamic markings in this book. This is done for a very specific reason. I believe it is important to vary the dynamic levels in your warm-up. It is vital that we as brass players be able to play in time and in tune no matter what volume we are playing at. Additionally, I find that when my chops are tired, a softer warm-up is more beneficial. Conversely, when my chops feel strong, a louder warm-up can be more helpful. The lack of dynamic markings in this book should encourage you to add as much dynamic variety to your warm-up as possible.

Lastly, I would like to emphasize how important the use and velocity of our air stream will be in playing these exercises. Although I have indicated where breaths should be taken, these are merely suggestions. FEEL FREE TO BREATHE AT ANY TIME DURING ANY ONE OF THESE EXERCISES. I would much rather you throw away a couple of notes, and maintain a good full sound, than eek out notes with a less than desirable sound. Especially for Tuba players, the theme of this book is breathe when necessary.

Enjoy your warm-up!

—Michael Davis

Track 1/16

Air It Out



Track 2/17

Sound

Track 3/18

Tonguing

4 CLICKS IN FRONT =27 bo o po o posso po o



Track 4/19

Extended Slurs





Track 5/20

Basic Flex



Track 6/21

Flexing the 5th



Track 7/22 Interval Flexibility



Track 8/23

Broken Triads



Track 9/24

Octaflex





Track 10/25

Interval Attacks

Track 11/26

5th Connection



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Track 12/27

Chromatic 4ths

4 CLICKS IN FRONT d=92

Track 13/28

Super 9ths





Track 14/29

Control



Track 15/30

Pedal Point

This exercise can also be played as written.



biographies

Trombonist-composer MICHAEL DAVIS does it all. Hailed as one of today's premier instrumentalists, he has established himself as a first-call sideman, both in the studio and on the concert stage, for the entertainment world's biggest stars, including Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Bob Dylan, Michael Jackson and the Rolling Stones. In the field of music education, he has served as a clinician around the world, while also authoring a number of highly esteemed instructional books and band arrangements for musicians of all ages and abilities.

For the past ten years Davis has been forging ahead as an entrepreneur, with Hip-Bone Music, a growing business that presently handles his publishing activities and work as a recording artist. Dedicated to increasing the popularity and stature of brass instruments and emphasizing "how hip, cool and fun it is to play music," Davis said Hip-Bone Music is set on expanding its educational focus and making it a viable avenue for other brass artists.

A native of San Jose, California, Davis received his musical training at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Upon graduation he hooked up with the Buddy Rich Band for a two-year stint that brought an immeasurable amount of bandstand experience and a wealth of professional friendships that continue to this day. He settled in Manhattan in the mid-1980s and before long was being regarded as one of the top trombonists around. As testimony to his versatility and wide regard, the list of jazz and pop luminaries he has worked with over the years reads like a who's who: Sarah Vaughan, Sting, Harry Connick, Jr., Beck, Branford Marsalis, Aerosmith, Bon Jovi, Sheryl Crow, Lyle Lovett, Terence Blanchard, Bob Mintzer and scores of others.

A multiple recipient of awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, Davis maintains his own jazz groups and projects as well. Through Hip-Bone Music, Davis has documented his efforts on five solo CDs—Trumpets Eleven, a showcase for 11 virtuosic trumpet masters; New Brass, a melding of jazz and classical brass styles; Brass Nation, a gathering together of 55 of the world's greatest brass players; Bonetown, a pairing of Davis with LA bass trombone maestro Bill Reichenbach; and Absolute Trombone, yet another musical conclave, this time with 18 New York City-based trombonists.

Acknowledged by popular musicians, fellow educators and audiences around the world as an immensely talented musical artist who's committed to setting the highest standards possible for both jazz and his instrument, it is no wonder that legendary Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts was moved to comment, "In this 'bone-dry' era, it is essential to have Michael Davis around."

PHILIP SMITH joined the New York Philharmonic as Co-Principal Trumpet in October 1978 and assumed the position of Solo Principal Trumpet in June 1988. His early training was provided at The Salvation Army and continued under the tutelage of his father, Derek Smith, himself a renowned cornetist. He is a graduate of The Juilliard School, having studied with Edward Treutel and William Vacchiano, former Principal Trumpet of the New York Philharmonic. In January 1975, while still at Juilliard, Mr. Smith was appointed to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by Sir Georg Solti.

Mr. Smith has appeared regularly as soloist, recitalist, chamber orchestra performer and clinician. He has been featured as a soloist with the Philharmonic in more than 75 performances under conductors such as Zubin Mehta, Kurt Masur, Erich Leinsdorf, Leonard Bernstein, Neeme Järvi and Bramwell Tovey. He has been a guest soloist with the South Dakota Symphony, Edmonton Symphony, Newfoundland Symphony, Columbus (Indiana) Symphony, Pensacola (Florida) Symphony, Hartford (Connecticut) Symphony, and Beaumont (Texas) Symphony.

An avid brass band enthusiast, Mr. Smith has been guest soloist with the United States Army Brass Band, Goteborg Brass (Sweden), Black Dyke Mills and Ridged Containers Bands (Britain), Hannaford Street Silver Band and Intrada Brass (Canada), and numerous American and Salvation Army Brass Bands. He has also performed and recorded with the Canadian Brass, Empire Brass, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Mostly Mozart Orchestra, Bargemusic, and New York Virtuosi Chamber Symphony.

His solo recordings include My Song of Songs with the New York Staff Band of The Salvation Army (Triumphonic); Copland's Quiet City (Deutsche Grammophone); New York Legends (CALA); Orchestral Excerpts for Trumpet, (Summit); Ellen Taaffe Zwilich's Concerto for Trumpet and Five Instruments (New World); Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 (Koch); and Walton's Façade (Arabesque).

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