Bibliography of Writings about Historic Brass Instruments, 2002-03

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This annual series of bibliographies lists writings about Western brass instruments, their makers, making, original performance situations, performers, performance practices, repertoire, and depiction in works of art through the nineteenth century. Interviews with modern performers of historic brass instruments are also included, but not reports on conferences and workshops unless they contain significant historical information. The present bibliography covers items that reached me between November 2002 and May 2003. I would be grateful if readers could notify me of any omissions or errors.

The items listed comprise books, theses and dissertations, and periodical articles in European languages. Unpublished books and articles as well as works-in-progress have been excluded. For the sake of completeness, the articles that have appeared in *Historic Brass Society Journal* and *Historic Brass Society Newsletter* are included, even though they should already be familiar to readers.

For the most part the bibliography is unannotated, although here and there I have added brief descriptive annotations to clarify the contents, scope, or bibliographic linkages of an item. My English translations of all foreign titles are given in square brackets after the original titles. Advice about where to obtain the items may be found at the end of the bibliography.


Ceuelemans, Anne-Emmanuelle. “Instruments Real and Imaginary: Aaron’s Interpretation of Isidore and an Illustrated Copy of the *Toscanello*.” *Early Music History* 21 (2002): 1-35. Pietro Aaron’s *Toscanello in musica* (1529) is based on Isidore of Seville’s “De Musica” [ca. 600 AD]. He translates Isidore’s *tuba* as *tromba* (trumpet).


Includes a number of references to cornets, sackbuts, and trumpets.


A little on brass musicians in passing.

With examples from the brass world.


Mentions the brass maker Anton Rihar-Boštjanček (mid-nineteenth century).


Includes references to trumpeters and other musicians.


Includes trombones (apparently erroneously) and cornetti. The instruments listed in the inventory have ended up in the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna.


Includes a summary of an article by Uwe Bartels on the Baroque hunting horn that was submitted for publication in the magazine in 1992 but never published.

Includes “The Evolution of the Bugle” by Scooter Pirtle.

Includes a photograph of a copy of a Baroque trombone made by Calvetti.


Corrected entry from the last bibliography:

Where to Obtain Sources

All the books, many of the theses and dissertations, and most of the articles listed in this bibliography may be obtained on interlibrary loan from your university or college library (if you are affiliated with such an institution) or your local public library. Show the librarian this bibliography as verification of the item; the OCLC number (where given) will aid in obtaining the books, theses, and dissertations.

Some of the dissertations can be purchased from University Microfilms International, 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 (phone [800] 521-3042); http://www.umi.com/hp/Products/Dissertations.html. The theses and the remainder of the dissertations can generally be purchased from the university where they were submitted.