

# **I Recommend: Extra-Enjoyable Supplemental Music for Trombone or Euphonium**

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Here is my “best of the best” list of fun movie, popular, show, and Christmas tunes for trombone. Most of these books include play-along tracks as audio access tracks, or CDs, and most come in versions for other band instruments, as well. Euphonium players who read bass clef should get the trombone books. You should choose books suitable for your level, but with fun music, it is not a problem if the music is “too easy” for you. Alternatively, if you know how a tune goes and are motivated, you can work on a selection that would otherwise be too hard for you. In describing the levels, “Book 1” and “Book 2” level beginners refer to volumes one and two of any standard band or beginner method like Accent on Achievement, Standard of Excellence.

## **For Book ONE Level Beginners**

### **Easy Popular Movie Instrumental Solos (Alfred)**

For a player who is near the end of Book 1 or in Book 2. Includes Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Polar Express, James Bond, Raiders, etc. Nice play-along/demo CD. Rhythms are simplified and range limited for first and second year players.

### **Favorite Movie Themes, Trombone with Audio Track Access (Hal Leonard)**

Classic movie themes with an excellent playalong. First and second year players can do a few of the tracks, and grow into the rest of the Intermediate level tracks. Chariots of Fire, Back to the Future, Forrest Gump, Mission Impossible, E.T., Jurassic Park, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Mr. Holland’s Opus, etc.

## **For Intermediate and Book TWO Level Beginners**

### **Ultimate Movie Instrumental Solos for Trombone – Book and Online Audio (Alfred)**

The 60 Intermediate level selections in this book are anchored by a generous variety of John Williams tunes. The selections are musically fulfilling, and nicely adapted, and the play along files are good. Unfortunately, the binding does not lie flat easily. Consider having the binding cut off at a copy shop, and replaced with coil binding.

### **Classic Movie Instrumental Solos (Alfred)**

Great selection and play-along/demo CD. Includes Star Wars Main Theme and Cantina Band, Harry Potter – Hedwig’s Theme and Family Portrait, Lord of the Rings, Wizard of Oz, James Bond, Raiders, etc. Book 2 through Intermediate level.

### **Favorite Movie Themes, Trombone with Audio Track Access (Hal Leonard)**

Classic movie themes with an excellent playalong. First and second year players can do a few of the tracks, and grow into the rest of the Intermediate level tracks. Chariots of Fire, Back to the Future, Forrest Gump, Mission Impossible, E.T., Jurassic Park, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Mr. Holland’s Opus, etc.

**TV Favorites (Hal Leonard)**

Nice Collection and play-along CD. Includes The Simpsons, Hawaii Five-O, Addams Family, Jeopardy, NFL on Fox, etc

**The Best of Andrew Lloyd Webber (Hal Leonard)**

Great Intermediate level tunes, but unfortunately, no play-along tracks. Selections from Cats, Phantom, Evita, Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar, Requiem, etc.

**Sound of Music: Instrumental Solos for Trombone with CD (Hal Leonard)**

Great melodies are very playable at the early intermediate level.

**Wizard of Oz Instrumental Solos: Trombone Book and CD**

Great melodies are very playable at the early intermediate level.

**Rock Jams for Trombone**

Fun tracks and a great play-along CD. Challenging Intermediate music.

**The Best of the Beatles, Trombone (Hal Leonard)**

No accompaniment tracks, but a very thorough collection of 89 songs. Most are Intermediate level. Some are playable by second year beginners.

**Jump Swing Fever, Trombone Book (Hal Leonard)**

Unfortunately has no playalong tracks, but the tunes are great. Intermediate/Advance Intermediate level. Includes Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Go Daddy-O, In the Mood, It Don't Mean A Thing, Jump, Jive An' Wail, Puttin' On the Ritz, Stompin' At the Savoy, Zoot Suit Riot, and more.

**Disney Movie Hits for Trombone (Hal Leonard)**

Intermediate Level. The orchestral playalong CD is outstanding. Selections from Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King, Dalmations, Hercules, Hunchback, Monsters, Mermaid, Aladdin, Toy Story 2.

**Disney Movie Favorites**

No play-along CD, but there is a Piano Accompaniment Book available. Book 2 and Intermediate level selections from The Little Mermaid, Beauty And The Beast, and Aladdin.

**Double Dip, Duets with Playalong CD, Michael Davis (clubhip-bone.com)**

Twenty excellent duets with nicely done pop accompaniments are ideal for Book 2 level beginners and intermediate players. Each track is on the CD three times: with both parts and accompaniment for demo, with just one of the duet parts so you can play along alone, and with just the accompaniment. Highly recommended.

**Brass Buzz DVD, Book, and CD, Michael Davis (clubhip-bone.com)**

Very nicely done book and video set helps kids (and adults) get excited about the possibilities for jazz, and rock trombone. Lots of good exercises, play-alongs, and tips. Ideal for students in Beginner Book 2, and students who are in the second half of Book 1. Intermediate students will also get a lot out of this. Should be a great boost for any trombone student. Nicely priced at \$20

**Christmas Collections for Book ONE level players (and older)**

**Yamaha Christmas Ensembles**

A super collection of 19 Christmas standards in flexible trio format – play them as solos, duos, or trios. Have your friends get the corresponding book for their instrument and play them together.

Melody and duet parts are beginner two level, while some of the third trio parts are playable by a first year beginner.

**Easy Christmas Instrumental Solos (Alfred)**

A great mix of 14 modern secular, and traditional Christmas favorites with an excellent play-along/demo CD. Good for a player who has completed at least most of Book 1, but also enjoyable for Book 2 and higher level players.

**Tons of Tunes for the Holidays (Curnow/Hal Leonard)**

Short, simple, and easy settings of traditional Christmas favorites, with a play along CD. A good choice for a very young player.

**Christmas Collections for Book TWO and Intermediate level players (and older)**

*(See also the books in the Book ONE level player section above which are also enjoyable by older players.)*

**Santa's Helper for Trombone (Duets) w CD (Santorella)**

This is a solo or duet book. The melody is in the top part. Mostly Beginner 2 level, but enjoyable by all. These are nice arrangements that even a sophisticated musician can enjoy. The CD is a simple but nice piano accompaniment. A good collection of 24 traditional Christmas tunes. Includes Deck the Halls, Silent Night, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, I Saw Three Ships, Angels We Have Heard, The First Noel, Hark, etc.

**Twenty Five Christmas Songs for Trombone**

An excellent and thorough collection of secular Christmas favorites with play-along/demo CD.

**Christmas Favorites (Hal Leonard)**

An excellent collection of 15 secular Christmas tunes with a very good play-along/demo CD. Beginner 2 and Intermediate level. There are just three overlaps with the Twenty Five Christmas Songs collection. Tunes unique to this collection include Chestnuts, Christmas Time is Here (Charlie Brown), Feliz, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, etc.

**Christmas Classics with Audio Tracks (Hal Leonard)**

12 enjoyable secular Christmas tunes at the Beginner 2 and Intermediate levels, however 6 of these overlap with the Twenty Five Christmas Songs Collection. Unique to this collection are White Christmas, The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Happy Holiday, and We Need a Little Christmas.

**Christmas Hits for Two (Hal Leonard)**

Beginner 2/Intermediate level duet arrangements of Secular Christmas favorites. Melody in the top part, accompaniment in the bottom. Includes Chestnuts, Feliz, Frosty, Holly Jolly, Jingle-Bell Rock, Let it Snow, Rockin' Around, Rudolph, etc. Unfortunately no CD. The writing of the second duet part is unfortunately not too great.

**10 Christmas Duets for Two Tinsel Trombones, arr. Pederson**

Simple Intermediate level arrangements by a respected jazz trombone arranger. Includes Jingle, Midnight Clear, God Rest, We Three Kings, The First Noel, Joy to the World, Silent Night, Wenceslas, O Come All Ye Faithfull, etc.

**Church Music**

**Hymns for the Master, Trombone with CD (Hal Leonard)**

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Nice, simple settings of classic hymns. Early Intermediate level. Some of the hymns are playable by a second year beginner. Piano accompaniment book available.

### **Great Hymns - Trombone. arr. Jim Curnow with Audio Tracks (Curnow Music)**

Slightly more arranged settings of classic hymns require a little more instrumental virtuosity (Advanced Intermediate Level). A nice challenge for the player, and interesting settings for the congregation. Piano/Organ accompaniment available.