

French Horn, Brass Instrument

Brass Family instruments are generally made of brass. To make the sound on a brass instrument the player buzzes his/her lips while blowing air through a cup or funnel shaped mouthpiece. To produce higher or lower pitches, the player adjusts the opening between his/her lips. The brass family can trace its ancestry back to herald French horns, hunting horns, and military bugles. The main instruments of the brass family include the trumpet, trombone, French horn, and tuba. As with other instrument families, the shorter the tubing length, the higher the sound and the longer the tubing length, the lower the sound.

The "**horn**" or "**French horn**" consists of about 12 feet of narrow tubing wound into a circle. The player obtains different notes by pressing valves with the left hand and by moving the right hand inside of the bell. French horns produce a clear, but very mellow tone.

