

# GIFT GUIDE

## SPREAD THE FESTIVE CHEER

With just over two weeks of frenzied shopping time before Christmas day, BBW has compiled a handy gift guide and the best thing about it... you don't have to venture out into the cold to purchase the items – they're all available at the click of a mouse. Happy shopping!

### SOAR EFFORTLESSLY



WA-BVTG Alliance BVT Soprano mouthpiece in gold plate

The fastest-selling soprano mouthpiece of the year! This brilliant-sounding mouthpiece designed by the Belgian soprano star, Bert Van Thienen, is one Alliance's hottest items of 2017, together with signature mouthpieces from Richard Marshall, David Childs, Les Neish, Owen Farr and Philip Cobb. Designed to produce a sound that soars above any band, this mouthpiece looks great in gold plate and is also available from Alliance in silver plate and silver plate with a gold cup and rim.

RRP: £81.44

[www.alliancebrassltd.com](http://www.alliancebrassltd.com)



VVO Alliance Eco-Lube Valve Oil

### Slide through the season

Every brass player needs a top-class valve oil and this superb option was developed by star cornet/trumpet player and BBW's monthly Pro Practice host, Professor Roger Webster.

Stable at all temperatures, Alliance bills it as having the 'perfect viscosity to provide a fast, light action for all brass instruments. Highly recommended!'

Made from a 100% mineral oil, Alliance's Eco-Lube is manufactured using FDA-listed substances and contains no known allergens, genetically modified components, animal extracts or nut oil.

Supplied in a 50ml bottle with a child-resistant cap. Safety first, thoughtful and an ideal stocking-filler with a great price point!

RRP: £5.92

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### STICKS FOR STOCKING-FILLERS

Seàn Hooper Timpani Sticks offer a huge variety of hand-made sticks to suit every type of music that a professional or amateur timpani player might encounter. We have chosen three particular sticks ideally suited for brass band players' repertoire. All can be ordered from the Seàn Hooper's website, as well as from Bell Percussion, which also supplies music retailers throughout the UK. Both websites are listed below.

#### Seàn Hooper Student Range - BP7

These are the largest and softest sticks in the student range. They give a beautiful round sound, especially on low notes and large timpani, and make smooth rolls easy at any dynamic.

Priced at only £18.00, they feature hand-crafted, top-quality bamboo handles with heads covered in timpani felt made to any specifications.



#### Seàn Hooper Speciality Range - B6

With chamois-covered wood heads to eliminate unwanted contact noise - particularly important for quiet playing on smooth, plastic heads - these are perfect for passages requiring real clarity. Part of the Speciality Range, which features 12 different models offering unique tone colour opportunities. At just £25.00 per pair - an ideal gift to slip into stockings.

#### Seàn Hooper Speciality Range - P3

One of the most popular sticks in the Seàn Hooper Professional Range - measuring 30mm across, the 'P3s' have a warm, round tone, but are small and light enough to produce great clarity too. The finish on the carefully selected, smooth cane handles is peerless.



Available from Bell Percussion for £34.00, or £40.00 from the Seàn Hooper Timpani Sticks website. However, if you buy through Seàn's website, the price includes a first refelting when needed, which normally costs £15.00 - a real bargain compared to other makers!

[www.timpani-sticks.com](http://www.timpani-sticks.com)

Or from Bell Percussion.

Telephone: 020 88961200. [www.bellperc.com](http://www.bellperc.com)



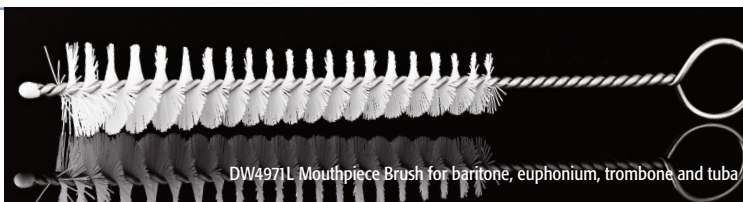
### FESTIVE BUZZ

The ideal present for a trombone or euphonium player who wants to improve their tone, this practice aid, designed by Steven Mead, is a good way of ensuring that you are achieving the best possible sound. Made to fit on your mouthpiece, it improves buzzing by creating more resistance than practising with a mouthpiece alone. A cleverly positioned vent hole also facilitates more centred high notes to help build a strong high register. Available for baritone/medium-bore trombone and tuba. Silver and gold-plated versions are both available.

RRP: £36.75

[www.deniswick.com](http://www.deniswick.com)

DW4960L Buzztube for euphonium or trombone in silver plate



DW4971L Mouthpiece Brush for baritone, euphonium, trombone and tuba

### Clean-up this Christmas

An ideal stocking-filler for brass players of any age to keep mouthpieces hygienic and fresh, the DW4971L mouthpiece brush is practical, well-designed and essential for keeping mouthpieces clean. If dirt and debris are allowed to accumulate in the back-bore, the mouthpiece becomes the perfect breeding ground for bacteria. Clean the mouthpiece with warm, soapy water using the brush to scrub the bore of the mouthpiece. This will keep the mouthpiece spotless, preventing infections. Suitable for baritone, trombone, euphonium and tuba. The DW4971S version for small brass is also available.

RRP: £2.40

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