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Subject: Rental instruments or Purchase?

Posted by [MusikLover](#) on Tue, 04 Jan 2011 22:15:01 GMT

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My nephew will be starting band next year, and wants to try trumpet. The school offers a rental program, but craig's list sells trumpets for not much more than the rental price. Is there any advantage to renting through school?

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Subject: Re: Rental instruments or Purchase?

Posted by [brian21](#) on Tue, 11 Jan 2011 00:49:24 GMT

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If there ends up being a problem with the instrument, the school would probably help you with the repair, or replace the instrument if they can. Other than that and supporting the school's music program, I don't think there's much of an advantage to renting.

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Subject: Re: Rental instruments or Purchase?

Posted by [Adveser](#) on Tue, 11 Jan 2011 16:12:47 GMT

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A lot of musicians are fond of their instruments and feel like they are part of themselves. Especially singers. (okay, that wasn't funny)

Buy used and tell the kid it is new. He'll think it is more special that way.

The little differences can mean either complete apathy toward the instrument verses starting a passion that will run deep likely forever.

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Subject: Re: Rental instruments or Purchase?

Posted by [GoodVibrations](#) on Tue, 25 Jan 2011 03:14:18 GMT

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I would ask how young is your nephew and what is the possibility that he may not like the trumpet? If he is trying his first musical instrument he may decide after a year that he would rather play a trombone. In that case, rental would be a better option since mom or dad wouldn't have to worry about getting rid of a trumpet that would not get used again.

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Subject: Re: Rental instruments or Purchase?

Posted by [PopcornAlley](#) on Wed, 16 Feb 2011 01:26:01 GMT

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Since your nephew is just starting out with band, there is a 50 50 chance he will either really

enjoy it, and it will open up a whole new world for him, or he will put it away when the reality of practice enters the picture. When I was in band, this was the most popular instrument especially among the boys. If you were to buy it from Craig's List, then you would have the option to either sell it or donate to someone that would love the instrument, but couldn't afford it. Either way, you would make someone happy.

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