

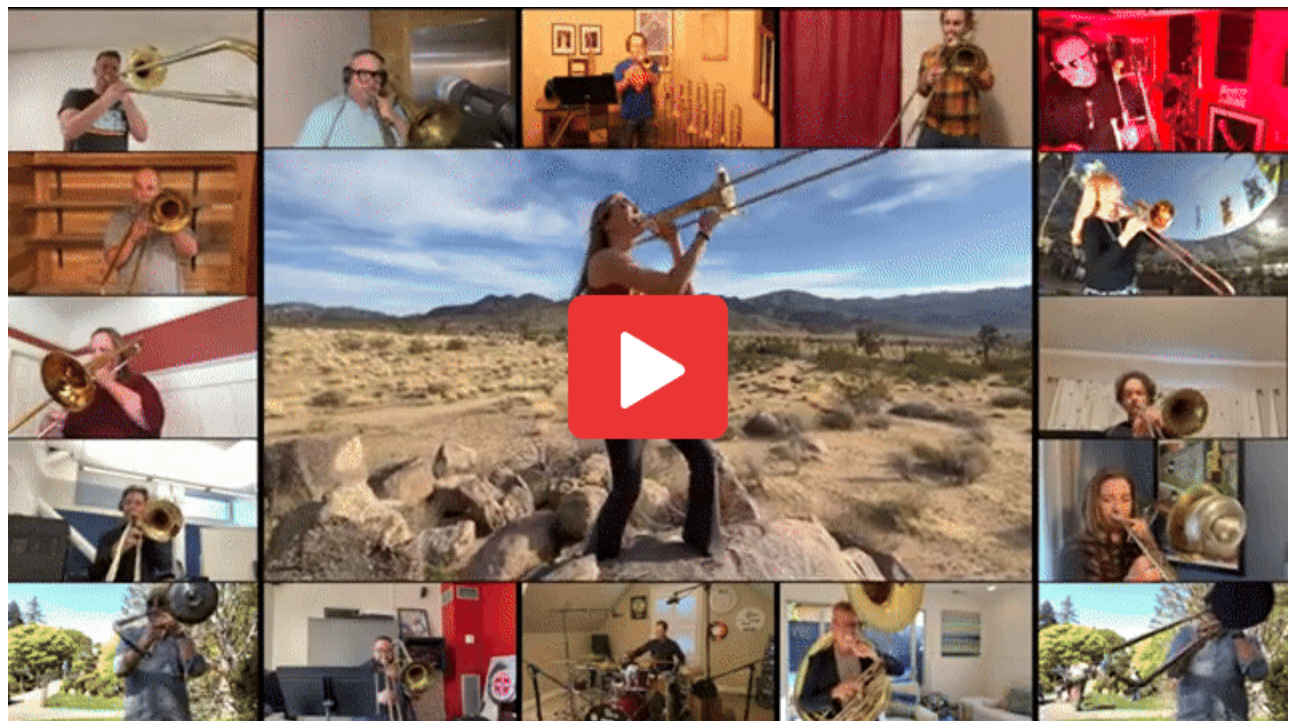


# International Trombone Association

April 2025

Hello, April!

Welcome to one of our favourite times of the year! International Trombone Week is here, and we're celebrating all month long! In this newsletter you will find exciting updates, award announcements, summer workshop opportunities, and a funky trombone video you have to see. Whether you're planning your own trombone party or just soaking up the good vibes, we're glad you're here. Let's slide into spring together - happy International Trombone Week!



The video above, an arrangement of Stevie Wonder's "Higher Ground" by Wes Hopper, features a collection of great trombonists: Jim Nova, Rob Ewing, Jeanne Geiger, Wes Hopper, Craig Bryant, Dr. J Brummel, Nate Conrad, Lori Stotko, Nathan Sweatt, Becca Burrington, Andrew Hill, Jennifer Wharton, Rich Lee, and Angel Subero -- and Marc T. Gaspard Bolin on sousaphone!

## News & Updates

Hooray! It's finally here!



The official week for 2025 is April 6-13—but we're celebrating **every day in April** and around its edges. It's the perfect time to honor the world's most wonderful instrument. Plan your own trombone party; click the button below for inspiration and free sheet music.

[Let's go to the ITW page...](#)

**It's easy to tell the word about your event**

The world's trombone calendar awaits

[List your event >>](#)



**ADD YOUR  
EVENT NOW**

Award winners announced



The 2025 ITA awards have been announced! JoDee Davis is the recipient of the

Neill Humfeld Award for Excellence in Trombone Teaching, and Don Lucas has been honored with the ITA Award. Congratulations to this year's award winners!

[Learn more about the awards and their recipients here! >>](#)

## ITA Shop Update

Have you ever wished you could wear your love for the ITA on your sleeve? Now you can! Check out the ITA store on Redbubble for shirts, hats, and all kinds of other trombone swag. (Perfect for celebrating International Trombone Week!)

Check it out! >>

## 2025 International Trombone Festival



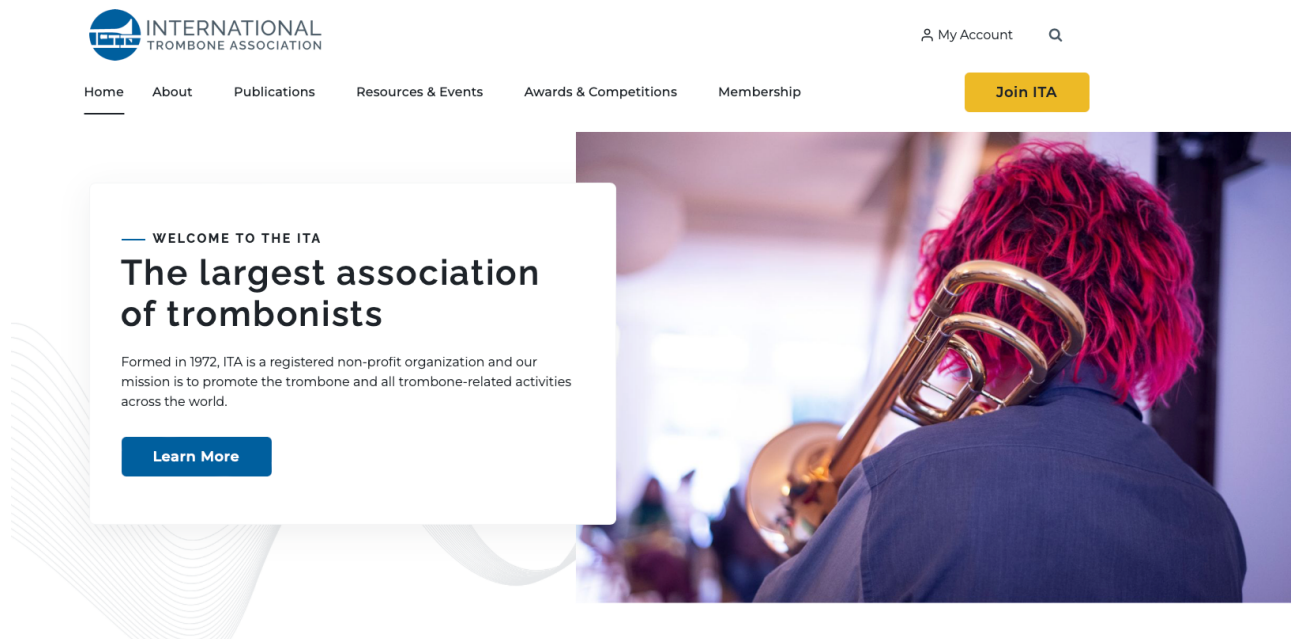
**Western University  
London, Ontario,  
Canada**

# DATE

Registration is open for the 2025 International Trombone Festival! Find more information about all the performers, presenters, and guests that this year has to offer on the Festival website.

[Learn more >>](#)

## New ITA Website!



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**The largest association of trombonists**

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The new trombone.net is live! Visit our website to see a whole new look!

Check it out! >>

## April 2025 ITA Journal issue

The April ITA journal will be released any day now! ITA members can read a digital version of the journal on the ITA website's [Journal Browser](#).

## The World of Trombone

### Summer Trombone Workshops Galore!

Trombonists these days are lucky to have a wide variety of summer workshops, seminars, and symposia to choose from. Woohoo! A few of these have important deadlines TODAY: The [Pokorny Low Brass Seminar](#)'s performer application deadline is today (auditors can register at any time), and the [Southwest Trombone Conference](#)'s early-bird application fee ends today. Other summer opportunities include the [DC Trombone Workshop](#), the [Windy City Trombone Retreat](#), the [Third Coast Trombone Retreat](#), and the [Southeast Trombone Symposium](#). (Do you know of others? Let us know in the feedback form at the end of this newsletter!)

New York University calling trombonists!



**WE'RE CONDUCTING A STUDY ON TECHNOLOGY AND  
TROMBONE PERFORMANCE  
AND NEED YOUR INSIGHTS**

- DO YOU HAVE 5+ YEARS OF TROMBONE-PLAYING EXPERIENCE?
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TAKE PART IN OUR **SURVEY** TO SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS ON TROMBONE ATTACHMENTS AND PLAYABILITY.

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SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK TO PARTICIPATE!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

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New York University

New York University is studying the intersection of technology and trombone performance, and your expertise is invaluable.

**Do you meet these criteria?**

- 5+ years of trombone-playing experience
- 18 years or older

Then take part in our research study in one or both of the following ways:

- **Online Survey**  
Share your insights on trombone attachments and playability.
- **In-Person Study (NY Metro Area Residents)**  
Test innovative ergonomic trombone attachments.

[Click here to participate in the survey >>](#)

## Seattle trombonist receives Jazz Legacies Fellowship

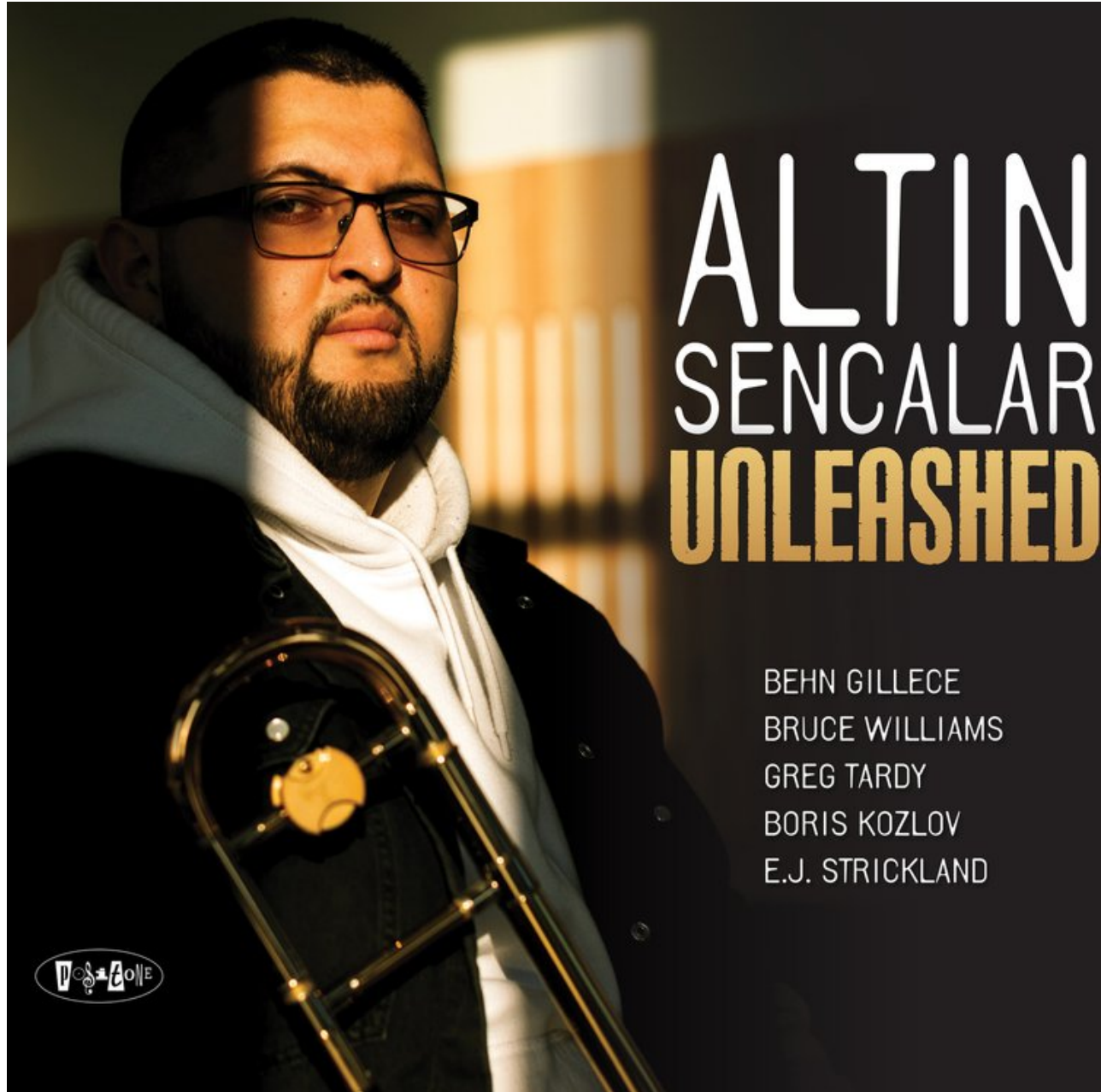


Seattle-based jazz trombonist Julian Priester is one recipient of the new Jazz Legacies Fellowship, launched earlier this year. The fellowship was created to support seasoned jazz musicians ages 62 or older. Each Jazz Legacies Fellow will be honored with a lifetime achievement award and \$100,000 in unrestricted grant money, as well as tailored support, ranging from production or performance help to legal or financial services.

[Read more >>](#)

## New Album

*Unleashed* by Altin Sencalar



Congratulations to Altin Sencalar for the release of his latest album! Here's how Altin describes it: "Unleashed is an album that captures my overall headspace as an individual. This year I turned 30 years old and welcomed my firstborn child into the world, John Altin Sencalar. Two major milestones in any person's life, but especially mine this year. This album showcases my love for playing at difficult tempos, extended ranges, passages that are unusual for trombone, some extended techniques, and my compositional process, which is now taking a large

turn from what I have written in the past."

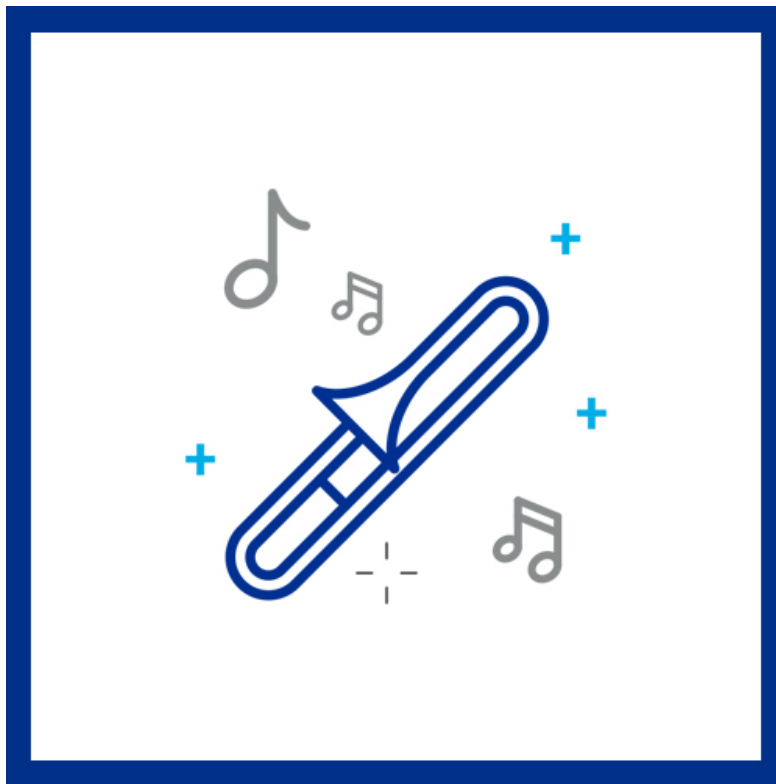
Listen on Bandcamp! >>

## Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming trombone events to look forward to:

(Scroll back up for a link to add **your** event to the calendar!)

The University of Memphis Trombone Choir Celebrates  
International Trombone Week!  
April 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm



The University of Memphis Trombone Choir, under the direction of Dr. Martin McCain will celebrate International Trombone Week on April 7, 2025.

[More info here!](#)

Calgary's 12th Annual "Slide into Spring"  
April 27, 2025



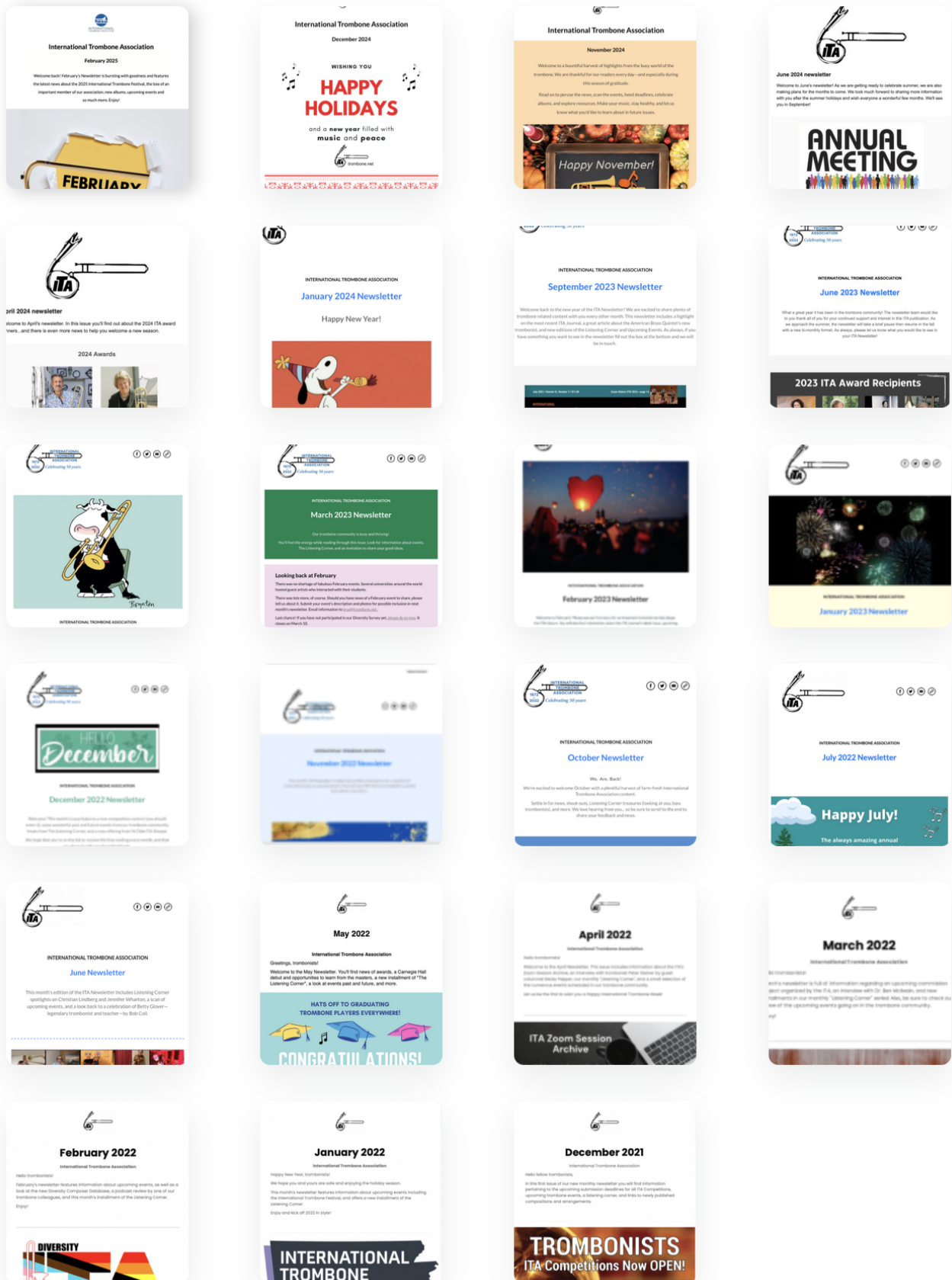
Slide into Spring, Calgary's annual celebration of International Trombone Week, is an event for all ages and levels of trombonists, with regular contributions from Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra players and other top musicians from the Calgary region.

[Learn more here!](#)

## ITA Newsletter Archive

Did you know? You can explore past issues of the ITA Newsletter. You'll find

practice tips, interviews, news, events, and more. If you subscribe to it, you'll be among "the first to know" what's up in the world of the trombone. It's free and arrives via email.



# Have some news? Good ideas?

We're all ears and we'd love to hear from you. :-)

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