



## International Trombone Association March 2026

We're the International Trombone Association. We're proud to be the world's largest association of trombonists with 4,000 members from 74 countries. If you aren't an ITA member yet, [join us!](#)

Read on for trombone announcements, news, events, resources, and more.



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💡 Gustav Holst (1874 – 1934) was an English composer, arranger, trombonist, and teacher. He composed a seven-movement orchestral suite called *The Planets...* and Mars was the focus of its first movement.

Get in your spaceship and [visit Wikipedia](#) to learn about this incredible piece. Find a recording—there are at least 80 of them—and see if you recognize anything. You can do it.

"Do. Or do not. There is no try." --Yoda in *The Empire Strikes Back*

## Announcements

### Member Appreciation Prize Draw

We celebrate the trombone every April - and this year we're going all out with a special event just for ITA members: The ITA Member Appreciation Prize Draw. Join or renew your membership to access trombone benefits, ensure you are a member by April 5 AND get a chance to win special prizes donated by generous trombonists. [Learn more >>](#)



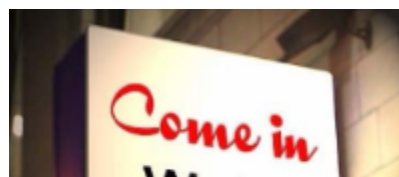
### ITA Elections

The ITA Governance Committee will open elections for the next slate of officers on March 1, 2026. Elections are open to ITA members in good standing. We encourage all eligible members to participate and make their voices heard in selecting the leaders who will guide and represent our organization. [Learn more >>](#)



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## ITA Composition Competition

We received a record number of entries in the ITA Composition Competition (ITACC)! Winners will be announced in celebration of International Trombone Week and their works performed at the International Trombone Festival in Riga, Latvia. Who will join the gallery of winners?



- 2023: David Miller – Fanfare for the World (quartet)
- 2024: David Faleris – Sunrise Over Frost and Fog (quartet)
- 2025: Shao-Tong Huang – Poem of the Seasons (quartet)
- 2025: Brady M. Johnson – Octet No. 2 (octet)



## Trombone News



**Michigan State University Jazz Trombones** release new album: *Spartan Strong*, featuring a music for trombones and rhythm section. Professor of Jazz Trombone Michael Dease performs with 18 of his current and former students on a variety of blues, funk, and Afro-Cuban grooves. [Check it out!](#)

*Photo courtesy of Michigan State University*



**Trombone Shorty** is having a 40th birthday party! Many special guests will honor the musical ambassador at a concert during Jazz Fest on Saturday, April 25, 2026. "Troy Andrews (born January 2, 1986), also known by the stage name Trombone Shorty, is an American musician, most notably a trombone player, from New Orleans, Louisiana. His music fuses rock, pop, jazz, funk, and hip hop." [from [Wikipedia](#)]

**Willie Colón** (William Anthony Colón Román) passed away on February 21, 2026. Colón was an American salsa musician and social activist. He began his career as a trombonist but also sang, wrote, produced and acted. Colón was a pioneer of salsa music and a best-selling artist in the genre, having been a key figure in the beginnings of the New York City scene associated with Fania Records. [from [Wikipedia](#)]

### Do you have trombone news to share?

Let us know! Write to [news@trombone.net](mailto:news@trombone.net) or via the feedback form at the end of this newsletter.



## International Trombone Week 2026



### Post your plan!

**Everyone is welcome:** performers, listeners, artists, students, teachers, organizers, composers, poets, builders, kinetic sculptors, and more. Many events are held during the official week (April 12-19, 2026) but there are many more.

For the latest news and resources, free sheet music, and to add your own event visit [ITW's official page](#) and [Mastodon](#). 🐘

Add your trombone event now >>

Here's a small sampling of upcoming trombone events. If attending in-person, it's a good idea to check the organizer website for updated info before heading out the door.

### Tennessee Tech: Trombone Day



This year's guests will include Rocket City Bones, Bone Therapy, Nikki Abissi, Colin Williams, Yu Tamaka, and Chris Bassett! Don't miss this trombone celebration.

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### University of Central Florida Trombone Day



Join the UCF Trombone Studio and their Guest Artist Steve Lange, trombonist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra for an exciting day to celebrate the Trombone.

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### British Trombone Society: Wells Cathedral Trombone Day



Special guest tutor and artist Ian Bousfield will join Emily White and Tom Lees, plus students from the Royal Academy of Music. Join for a fun, exciting day of ensemble playing, concerts and more! Open to all abilities.



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## University of Memphis Trombone Choir



The University of Memphis Trombone Choir and the Slide Tradition Jazz Trombone Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Martin McCain, will present a concert in celebration of International Trombone Week 2026!

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## Atlanta Trombone Day



Join us for the annual Atlanta Trombone Day at Georgia State University during International Trombone Week! We encourage high school students, collegiate and early professionals to attend.

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## Stetson University Trombone Day



Stetson University's School of Music welcomes you to their 3rd annual Trombone Day! Stetson is committed to developing and supporting the highest standards in music education and performance.

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## SFASU and TJC Combined Trombone Choirs at Fredonia Brewery



The Stephen F. Austin State University Trombone Choir, under the direction of Deb Scott and Tom Mensch, as well as the Tyler Junior College Trombone Choir under the direction of Heather Mensch, will kick off the International Trombone Week in grand style, performing a program of jazz and popular music at the Fredonia Brewery in Nacogdoches, Texas, USA.

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## UConn Trombone Choir



UConn's Trombone Choir is composed of students from many different majors at UConn. The choir performs original music for trombone ensembles dating back to the sixteenth century and selections from pop, jazz, film, show tunes, television, and video games.

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## CySlides and Trombone Studio



Celebrate the trombone at this Iowa State University event! This concert will have a livestream.

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**Registration open March 1**

## International Trombone Festival

**Are you registered yet?** This year's ITF will take place July 29-August 1 in Riga, Latvia at the Latvian Academy of Music, with host Vairis Nartišs.

[Learn more and register >>](#)

# Resources to explore



## ITA virtual backgrounds

Who says online meetings have to be bland? Jazz up your next appointment or lesson with a free background from your trombone community.

Visit the Green Room >>



Tout de suite!

## Tracking trombone treasure

Take time to trot to the tremendous troves (at [Internet Archive](#) and [Wikipedia](#)) and test tons of tantalizing tunes (at [TromboneJazzRadio](#)), too.



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