

Trivia about The Pickaway Brass over 20 years:
(at the risk of some of these things at least embellished a little.....)

1. Total # of musicians who have served as full-time members:

12

2. Longest concert(s):

2 hours, on many occasions, to include the; Ashville gazebo, the Ross County Fair, and the Champaign County Fair

3. # of songs in the Pickaway Brass music library (as of Thursday, March 23, 2017:

over 600

4. # of songs arranged by members of the Pickaway Brass:

over 200, meaning that over one-third of all of our songs in our library have been arranged by members of The Pickaway Brass, specifically for The Pickaway Brass

5. # of substitutes that The Pickaway Brass has used:

The best # that anyone can remember is: #####

6. Farthest distance to a concert (not necessarily in order of distance):

- Tipp City
- Champaign County Fair
- A wedding in south-west Ohio

7. Pickaway Brass instruments with the most valves:

- Mr. Kern's Euphonium: 4
- Mr. Kerns' Tuba: 4
- Jeff's Piccolo Trumpet: 4
- Eric's Tuba: 4
- Jarrad's Euphonium: 4
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Pickaway Brass instruments with the least # of valves:

Jeff's Soprano Trombone-it is also called a "slide trumpet" and it doesn't have any valves. This was almost a trick question since even Jarrad's trombone has 3 valves.

8. Most unusual instruments played during a performance:

We think there are 2.....

- **Jarrad's Holton Superbone Trombone:** It is a unique instrument that has both valves and a slide, so Jarrad can use either one, or both at the same time, in order to give him a number of ways he can get to any specific note.
- **Jeff's Soprano Trombone, also known as a Slide Trumpet:** This is a (very)

small trombone, that is pitched that same as a Bb Trumpet.

9. Most Unusual instrument grouping:

- One year we all played euphoniums during part of a concert in order to play TUBACHRISTMAS music.
- One time in the mid-90's we did a Japanese song arranged by Mr. Kerns, and at least 4 of us also played small drums, and some of us had to do that while we were also playing our regular instrument. Definitely an extreme coordination test. This was long before David Dillbeck joined us with his own percussion toys.

10. Only parade The Pickaway Brass ever played in:

During one Christmas concert at Shawnee Square in Chillicothe (next to Bob Evans) we were asked at the last minute to fill in for some band that didn't show that was supposed to play in a short parade in order to bring Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus from one end of the shopping mall to the other where Santa's house was and where a lot of little kids were waiting.

Not wanting to disappoint Mr. and Mrs. Claus, we did the parade, which meant that Mr. Kerns had to carry his Tuba through the entire parade. Not an easy task, but it was Christmas, and who can say "no" to Santa in a crisis like that? The parade basically consisted on us, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus on a wagon/sleigh.

11. One of the most unique jobs:

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1. We were asked to play for a "*Beat Michigan*" party at Tinks on North Court Street. Since we were supposed to be a surprise to the people dining at the time, we had to assemble in the back of the restaurant and come in to the Dining Room through the kitchen. I would generally not recommend coming into a restaurant through the kitchen area, but everything worked out well, and it was a lot of fun..

For some of us, buying something in Ohio State colors to wear during the performance meant that we lost money on the job.

2. In 1994 we played in Tipp City in a building called the Rollermill. It was a remodeled grain mill, with a small balcony, and even smaller stage. However, it was a beautiful building with all the wood. It was one of our few "paid admission" concerts. They were attempting to create and maintain a concert series in the building.

12. Most unusual songs in our library:

This is probably is a tie, for many reasons, between:

- **Flat Foot Floogie**, written by Slim, Slam and Bud
- **The 12 Days of a Circleville Pumpkin Show Christmas**

The first song is pretty much self explanatory just by reading the title. Who can resist a song titled "*Flat Foot Floogie*" and written by "*Slim, Slam and Bud*"? The lyrics are equally interesting and talk about the "*floy, floy*". We think that it is probably a love song,

but aren't sure as we are afraid to look up what a "floy, floy" is. This song was arranged for us by Eric Dieterich (Tuba).

The second song, "*The 12 Days of a Circleville Pumpkin Show Christmas*" is a representation of what would happen if you combine two of the best events in the world: Christmas and The Circleville Pumpkin Show.

As you can guess, the lyrics have the "true love" giving the following gifts on each of the 12 Days of Christmas, as taken from the Circleville Pumpkin Show web site of official pumpkin food products.

- 1 -concert by The Pickaway Brass (with excerpts from different songs in our library each time this is said)
- 2 -Pumpkin Burgers
- 3- Pumpkin Waffles
- 4-Pumpkin Pies
- 5-Pumpkin Doughnuts
- 6-Pumpkin Cookies
- 7-Pumpkin Cheese Cakes
- 8 -Pumpkin Crèam Puffs
- 9- Pumpkin Fudge Bars
- 10- Pumpkin Pan Cakes
- 11-Pumpkin Brownies
- 12- Alka Seltzer (*of course!*)

We did the world premiere of this song for the Circleville Sunrise Rotary in December 2008.