

WHY LEARN A SECOND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Because it...

ENHANCES LIFE

- Brings back the joyful memories of learning an instrument
- Introduces new repertoire
- Introduces new motor skills
- Establishes patience, discipline, understanding, and humility
- Ventures out of the comfort zone and allows others to see you as a real person
- * Provides a backup instrument and skill in case of injury

IMPROVES TEACHING SKILLS

- Restores the memory of being a beginner again
- Explores new teaching techniques and ways to inspire students
- Expands musical knowledge for advising students and parents

ADVANCES ENSEMBLE SKILLS

- Provides a better understanding of fellow musicians
- Sheds light on the challenges of other instruments including intonation, dynamics, speed, reed making
- Encourages interaction with a different set of musicians
- Clarifies an instrument's role in an ensemble

OPENS NEW WAYS OF THINKING

- Creates new connections in the brain
- Improves listening skills
- Explores melody, harmony, and rhythm from a different perspective
- Expands knowledge of producing good tone
- Promotes new learning methods

ELEVATES COMPOSITION SKILLS

- Illuminates the reasoning behind idiomatic writing
- Illustrates the furthest limits of an instrument
- Broadens knowledge of transposition, clefs, and special effects
- Verifies when a written part lays well for an instrument

STRENGTHENS THE PRIMARY INSTRUMENT

- Provides new insights toward the primary instrument
- Encourages appreciation for what has been accomplished on the primary instrument
- Transfers new ideas from the secondary instrument
- Inspires new ways to produce new sounds or special effects
- Reignites the love of the primary instrument