



## Jim Hopson - Trombone/Euphonium/Tuba Lessons

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Dear Seycove Music Parents,

Thank you for your interest in trombone, euphonium, or tuba lessons. I am honoured to have been the Seycove Artist in Residence for these instruments since 2011, and I sincerely look forward to working with your son or daughter. Seycove Music is an exceptional program, and prides itself on consistently excellent classroom and private instruction. This letter includes some important information regarding lesson protocols, so please read it thoroughly before committing to private music instruction.

**Scheduling:** Currently, I commute from Central Vancouver to Seycove on Tuesdays. I offer lessons in half-hour and one hour slots from 3pm onwards, assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. I recommend half-hour lessons for beginner students, one hour for more experienced players. Lessons are a weekly, school-year-round commitment (holidays excepted). If we cannot find a suitable time slot for your student on-site at Seycove, I also have a well-appointed teaching studio near King Edward Skytrain where we could arrange an alternate time.

**Expectations:** Seycove Music students are expected to practice their band repertoire & exercises on a consistent, daily basis. I may assign additional material intended to enrich a student's technical and musical skills. A positive, engaged attitude is a necessity for getting the most out of private instruction.

**Cost:** Lessons cost \$50 per hour, \$25 per half-hour, payable cash or check. Many families prefer the simplicity of paying for multiple lessons in advance, some prefer week-to-week. I keep current, accurate records of lesson payments and attendance.

**Cancellation policy:** As I am commuting from central Vancouver to Seycove, I ask for at least 24 hours notice in the event of any cancellation or rescheduling (excepting emergencies, sudden illness, etc). This is a two-way policy; as a busy professional musician, I may occasionally need to cancel or reschedule a lesson due to gig or tour conflicts. I will always provide adequate notice (at least 24 hours), and endeavour to make up the lesson ASAP.

**Class Recital:** Every year in late May or early June, my private students are given a chance to shine in a Class Recital. Stay tuned for details!

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Jim Hopson, BMus. (UVic)