

**Western Carolina University's
Trumpet Studio's trip to...**

National Trumpet Competition



What is NTC?

◆ Competition

- Unique competitive environment
- Why are competitions important?

◆ Divisions

- Small Ensemble
- Large Ensemble
- Solo
 - Junior
 - High School
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate
- Jazz
- Military Band Excerpts

◆ Format

- Video auditions
- Preliminaries
- Semifinals
- Finals!



Preparation

◆ Regular Rehearsals

Beginning on August 26th, we began rehearsals twice a week.

◆ Piece Premiere

On October 31st, we performed the world premiere of “Cuernos” during Madison Bartons Lecture Recital.

◆ Video Audition

To compete at NTC, we first auditioned by sending a video audition. On December 1st, we submitted our audition after two days of recording.



**Oct. 31st,
Halloween Trumpet Studio Recital**

Our mutes



Sonic Vortex

The sonic vortex is made up of an aluminum base with a vortex inside made up of recycled Mountain Dew cans.



Eclipse

Taking inspiration from Shastock's Vocatone mute with a "wah-wah" feature.



Luna

A combination of fiber, wood and aluminum makes up the Luna mute's signature directional sound

NTC Progression

- **Approximately 200 Small Ensembles (Quartets and Quintets) submit video auditions to NTC.**
- **40 Small Ensembles are admitted into the live rounds.**
- **8 Groups make it to semifinals.**
- **4 Groups make finals**
- **1 Winner**



We advanced to the live round!

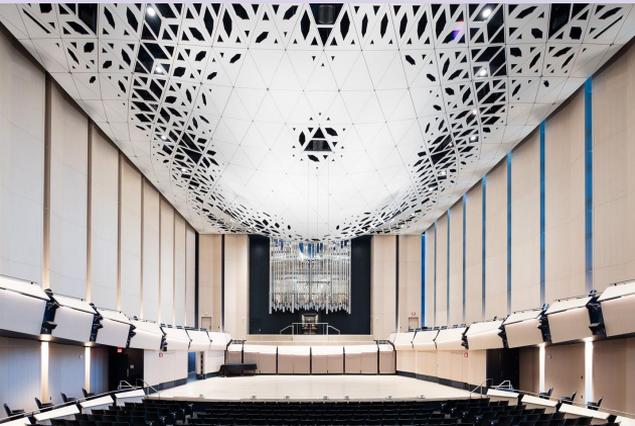
(One of the top 40 Small Ensembles in America!)

Performance



Watching Performances

- Opportunity to hear peers from across the country
- Graduate school scouting
 - Where are the best students coming from?
 - Who are the teachers?
- Escape the relative isolation of a small mountain school



Networking with other schools and peers and professors

- This event is full of people who think the same and who all share similar jobs/university experience.
 - Meeting other people who share the same interests and mindsets allows us to make lifelong connections.
- The attendees at The National Competition will be our colleagues for our professional careers.



College Night Presentation

- Our table allowed us to represent our school at this national event
- This is especially significant because this was the FIRST time the WCU trumpet studio has had a presence at an event of this caliber
- We spoke to high schoolers and other people who were interested in our programs
 - The interest was sparked from performance - we showed that WCU had something to offer

Individual Conclusions