

Mr. Grayson's Mouthpiece/Ligature Recommendations

***PLEASE DO **NOT** ORDER OTHER BRANDS/SIZES THAN WHAT IS RECOMMENDED. They may not work as well and could be a waste of money. If you see another brand of item you are interested in, please check with Mr. Grayson **FIRST** before you order. WWBW.com is one of the best places to order from. I use them for a lot of items for the band program. If the one you want is out of stock, please let me know and I will try to find an alternate place to get one. DO NOT PURCHASE ANY MOUTHPIECE/LIGATURE, EVEN THESE, WITHOUT TALKING TO MR. GRAYSON **FIRST**! Not every mouthpiece is the right mouthpiece for each individual student.

• Clarinet:

- Mouthpiece
 - Best of the Best - Vandoren M13 Lyre (*try the M13 also*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Vandoren-Series-M13-Lyre-Bb-Clarinet-Mouthpiece-460182.wwbw>
 - Best of the Best - Vandoren M13 (*try the M13 Lyre also*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Vandoren-M13-Bb-Clarinet-Mouthpiece-460181-4601810000000000.wwbw?rNtt=bass%20clarinet%20m13%20mouthpiece&index=26>
 - Cheaper...one of my favorites for young musicians - Hite Premiere:
<https://www.wwbw.com/J-D-Hite-Premiere-Bb-Clarinet-Mouthpiece-462423-4624230000000000.wwbw>
 - Cheaper solid beginner mouthpiece - Yamaha 4C:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Yamaha-4C-Bb-Clarinet-Mouthpiece-462505-4625050000000000.wwbw>
- Ligatures (*these can make as much of a difference as your mouthpiece can*)
 - Best of the Best - Vandoren Optimum:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Vandoren-Optimum-Clarinet-Ligatures-474919.wwbw>
 - Cheaper option yet still used by pros - Rovner "Dark":
<https://www.wwbw.com/Rovner-Dark-Bb-Clarinet-Ligature-and-Cap-540295-5402950000000000.wwbw>

• Bass Clarinet:

- Mouthpiece (*not all mouthpieces will fit in every bass clarinet*)
 - Pro Line - *get a recommendation from your private teacher*
 - Cheaper solid beginner mouthpiece - Yamaha 4C:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Yamaha-4C-Bass-Clarinet-Mouthpiece-462504-4625040000000000.wwbw>
- Ligatures (*these can make as much of a difference as your mouthpiece can*)
 - Best of the Best - Vandoren Optimum:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Vandoren-Optimum-Bass-Clarinet-Silver-plated-Ligature-Plastic-Cap-J03470-J034700000000000.wwbw>
 - Cheaper option yet still used by pros - Rovner "Dark":
<https://www.wwbw.com/Rovner-Dark-Bass-Clarinet-Ligature-and-Cap-540533-5405330000000000.wwbw>

• Alto Saxophone:

- Mouthpiece
 - Best of the Best - Selmer C* [star]:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Selmer-Paris-S80-Series-Alto-Saxophone-Mouthpiece-463101.wwbw>
 - Cheap solid beginner mouthpiece - Yamaha 4C:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Yamaha-4C-Alto-Saxophone-Mouthpiece-461273-46127300000000.wwbw>
- Ligatures (*these can make as much of a difference as your mouthpiece can*)
 - Best of the Best - Vandoren Optimum:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Vandoren-Optimum-Series-Saxophone-Ligatures-474920.wwbw>
 - Cheaper option yet still used by pros - Rovner "Dark":
<https://www.wwbw.com/Rovner-Dark-Alto-Saxophone-Ligature-and-Cap-473602.wwbw>

• Tenor Saxophone:

- Mouthpiece
 - Best of the Best - Selmer C* [star]:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Selmer-Paris-S80-Tenor-Saxophone-Mouthpiece-466146.wwbw>
 - Cheap solid beginner mouthpiece - Yamaha 4C:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Yamaha-4C-Tenor-Saxophone-Mouthpiece-461275-46127500000000.wwbw>
- Ligatures (*these can make as much of a difference as your mouthpiece can*)
 - Best of the Best - Vandoren Optimum (*make sure to check sizes based on mouthpiece shape*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Vandoren-Optimum-Series-Saxophone-Ligatures-474920.wwbw?rNtt=vandoren+optimum&index=5>
 - Cheaper option yet still used by pros - Rovner "Dark" (*make sure to check sizes based on mouthpiece shape*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Rovner-Dark-Tenor-Saxophone-Ligature-and-Cap-472499.wwbw?rNtt=tenor+sax+rovner+dark&index=1>

• Bari Saxophone:

- Mouthpiece
 - Best of the Best - Selmer C* [star]:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Selmer-Paris-S80-Series-Baritone-Saxophone-Mouthpiece-463102.wwbw>
 - Cheap solid beginner mouthpiece - Yamaha 5C:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Yamaha-5C-Baritone-Saxophone-Mouthpiece-462508-46250800000000.wwbw>
- Ligatures (*these can make as much of a difference as your mouthpiece can*)
 - Best of the Best - Vandoren Optimum (*make sure to check sizes based on mouthpiece shape*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Vandoren-Optimum-Series-Saxophone-Ligature-H96569-H96569000001000.wwbw?rNtt=vandoren+optimum&index=8>
 - Cheaper option yet still used by pros - Rovner "Dark" (*make sure to check sizes based on mouthpiece shape*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Rovner-Dark-Baritone-Saxophone-Ligature-And-Cap-472498.wwbw>

• Trumpet:

- Mouthpiece
 - Beginners - Bach 7C:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Bach-Standard-Series-Trumpet-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-462970-46297000000023.wwbw?rNtt=bach+5c&index=1>
 - MS/JH - Bach 5C (*some students can jump over this size mouthpiece*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Bach-Standard-Series-Trumpet-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-462970-46297000000023.wwbw?rNtt=bach+5c&index=1>
 - HS - Bach 3C (*try the 1-1/2C also*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Bach-Standard-Series-Trumpet-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-462970-46297000000023.wwbw?rNtt=bach+5c&index=1>
 - HS - Bach 1-1/2C (*try the 3C also*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Bach-Standard-Series-Trumpet-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-462970-46297000000023.wwbw?rNtt=bach+5c&index=1>

• French Horn:

- Mouthpiece
 - Best of the Best - Schilke 30:
<https://www.wwbw.com/Schilke-Standard-Series-French-Horn-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-483739.wwbw?rNtt=french%20horn%20mouthpieces&index=2>
 - Another great option - Farkas DC or MC (*try both to pick*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Holton-Farkas-Series-French-Horn-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-483834.wwbw?rNtt=french%20horn%20mouthpieces&index=1>
- Misc.
 - French Horn to Mellophone Adapter - Selmer 195M:
<https://www.amazon.com/Selmer-Mouthpiece-Adapter-Using-French/dp/B0093LQUVA>

• Trombone/Euphonium/Baritone:

- Mouthpiece
 - Bach 6-1/2AL Small Shank (*Be sure to check if you have a small or large shank trombone*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Bach-Small-Shank-Tenor-Trombone-Mouthpiece-462976.wwbw?rNtt=trombone%20mouthpiece&index=1>
 - Bach 6-1/2AL Large Shank (*Be sure to check if you have a small or large shank trombone*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Bach-Large-Shank-Trombone-Mouthpiece-462978.wwbw?rNtt=trombone%20mouthpiece&index=2>
 - Pro Line: *get a recommendation from your private teacher*

• Tuba:

- Mouthpiece
 - Best of the Best (*Large tubas 4/4 or 5/4+ for HS/college*) - Perantucci PT50 or PT88 (*try both*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Perantucci-Tuba-Mouthpieces-472852.wwbw?rNtt=tuba+mouthpiece&index=1#>
 - HS - Conn Helleberg 120 S (Standard):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Conn-Helleberg-Series-Tuba-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-483833.wwbw?rNtt=tuba+mouthpiece&index=2>
 - Beginners - Conn Helleberg 7B (*although starting on a 120S [Standard] may be better...try both*):
<https://www.wwbw.com/Conn-Helleberg-Series-Tuba-Mouthpiece-in-Silver-483833.wwbw?rNtt=tuba+mouthpiece&index=2>