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Bertrand Moren est né le 26 juin 1976 à Vétroz en Valais. Il reçoit ses premières leçons de piano à l'âge de six ans avant d'entrer dans la classe de la célèbre pianiste chilienne Edith Fischer. En juin 1998 il obtient le diplôme d'enseignement du piano de la Société Suisse de Pédagogie Musicale. En juin 1999 il obtient son Certificat d'Etudes Supérieures du Trombone au Conservatoire de Genève. Il a également étudié l'écriture musicale, la composition et l'orchestration au Cercle Lémanique d'Etudes Musicales et au Conservatoire de Sion.

Bertrand Moren a déjà remporté de nombreux prix en tant que tromboniste. Il a tenu le poste de trombone solo du Brass Band 13 Etoiles durant près de vingt-cinq ans, et durant une dizaine d'années le poste de trombone solo du Swiss Army Brass Band. Il a enregistré deux CDs en solistes, « Bolivar » et « Explorations » avec le Philharmonic Wind Orchestra de Prague. Il a également enregistré un disque en duo avec sa sœur Jocelyne à l'alto, « Duel », accompagné par le Brass Band 13 Etoiles.

Il a composé plus de 250 œuvres pour orchestre d'harmonie et pour diverses formations de cuivres (quatuor de cuivres, quatuor de Tubas, ensemble de cuivres et surtout Brass Band). Il a également écrit pour chœur et pour orchestre.

Il a à son actif de nombreux prix de composition, notamment le premier prix du Championnat Européen de composition pour Brass Band à deux reprises en 1998 et 2009, ainsi que le concours organisé par l'ASBB (Association Suisse des Brass Bands) pour trouver de nouveaux morceaux imposés pour le Championnat Suisse des Brass Bands en 2007.

Il a ce jour sorti cinq CDs de ses compositions, « The Joy of Youth » en 1999, « Dreams » en 2003, « Competition solo Pieces » en 2009, « Remembrance » en 2009 également, ainsi que « Portrait » en 2012. Précisons que ce dernier présente des compositions et des arrangements pour Harmonie, formation pour laquelle Bertrand Moren écrit de plus en plus.

Ses œuvres ont été jouées pratiquement dans le monde entier, notamment en Asie, Océanie, Amérique et Europe. Une de ses pièces a été créée au Carnegie Hall de New York en 2015 par l'ensemble de trompettistes professionnels américains « *Tromba Mundi* ».

Il écrit actuellement essentiellement sur commande, à l'occasion d'événements culturels tels que concours, concerts, théâtres ou autres. Il est également très actif en tant qu'arrangeur.

Il se consacre en plus beaucoup à la direction, à la tête de deux Brass Bands villageois, la « Concordia » de Vétroz en catégorie excellence et la « Marcelline » de Grône en 1^{ère} classe.

Il a fonctionné en tant que chef invité lors du BBNJ (Brass Band National des Jeunes) en 2007.

Bertrand Moren partage actuellement son temps entre l'enseignement, la pratique instrumentale, la composition et la direction. Il est aussi régulièrement invité comme jury lors de concours de Brass Bands, d'Harmonies et de Solistes, en Suisse et à l'étranger.

Bertrand Moren was born on the 26th June in Vétroz in the Swiss canton of Valais. He had his first piano lessons at the age of six, then continued his studies with the celebrated Chilean pianist Edith Fischer. In June 1998 he received a piano-teaching diploma from the *Société Suisse de Pédagogie Musicale*, and in June 1999 a Trombone diploma from the Geneva Conservatoire. He also studied theory, composition and orchestration at the *Cercle Lémanique d'Etudes Musicales* and at the Sion Conservatoire.

Bertrand Moren has already won many prizes as a trombonist. He was principal trombone in the *Brass Band 13 Etoiles* for nearly 25 years, and for 12 years in the Swiss Army Brass Band. He has recorded two CDs as a soloist: *Bolivar* and *Explorations*, with the Philharmonic Wind Orchestra in Prague. He has also recorded a CD of duets with his sister Jocelyne on E-flat horn: *Duel*, accompanied by the *Brass Band 13 Etoiles*.

He has composed more than 250 works for wind band and other ensembles (brass quartet, four Tubas and especially brass band). He also writes for choir and for orchestra.

He has received many composition prizes, notably the first prize at the European Brass Band Championships in 1998 and 2009, and at the competition organised by the Swiss Brass Band Association to choose new obligatory pieces for the Swiss Brass Band Championships in 2007. To date five CD's of his compositions have appeared: *The Joy of Youth* in 1999, *Dreams* in 2003, *Competition Solo Pieces* and *Remembrance* in 2009, and *Portrait* in 2012. The last one features works for wind band, for which Bertrand writes more and more frequently.

His compositions are played almost all over the world, especially in Asia, America and Europe. One of his works was performed in the Carnegie Hall in New York in 2015 by the professional trumpet ensemble *Tromba Mundi*.

He now writes mostly to fulfil commissions for competitions, concerts and theatre performances. He is also very active as an arranger.

He conducts more and more, and is director of two brass bands: *Concordia* in Vétroz (category Excellence) and *Marcelline* in Grône (1st class). He was invited to conduct the BBNJ (National Youth Brass Band) in 2007.

Bertrand Moren divides his time between teaching, playing, composing and conducting. He is also regularly invited to act as jury member at various music competitions in Switzerland and abroad.

Bertrand Moren wurde am 26. Juni in Vétroz im Kanton Wallis geboren. Mit sechs Jahren erhielt er die ersten Klavierstunden, studierte dann weiter mit der berühmten chilenischen Pianistin Edith Fischer. Im Juni 1998 erhielt er ein Klavierlehrdiplom von der *Société Suisse de Pédagogie Musicale* und im Juni 1999 ein Posaunendiplom vom Genfer Konservatorium. Er studierte auch Theorie, Komposition und Orchestration beim *Cercle Lémanique d'Etudes Musicales* und am Konservatorium von Sitten.

Bertrand Moren hat schon etliche Posaunenpreise gewonnen. Er war Soloposaunist in der *Brass Band 13 Etoiles* während fast 25 Jahren und auch während 12 Jahren in der Swiss Army Brass Band. Er hat zwei CDs als Solist aufgenommen: *Bolivar* und *Explorations*, mit dem Philharmonic Wind Orchestra in Prag. Er hat auch eine CD von Duetten mit seiner Schwester Jocelyne (auf dem Es-Horn) eingespielt: *Duel*, von *Brass Band 13 Etoiles* begleitet.

Er hat über 250 Werke für Blasorchester und andere Ensembles geschrieben (Blechquartett, vier Tuben und vor allem Brass Band). Er komponiert auch für Chor und für Orchester.

Er erhielt viele Kompositionsspreize, z.B. den ersten Preis bei den European Brass Band Championships in 1998 und 2009, sowie am Wettbewerb des Schweizerischen Brass Band Verbandes in 2007, dessen Zweck es war, neue Pflichtstücke für den nationalen Wettbewerb zu wählen.

Bis jetzt sind fünf CDs seiner Kompositionen erschienen: *The Joy of Youth* in 1999, *Dreams* in 2003, *Competition Solo Pieces* and *Remembrance* in 2009, und *Portrait* in 2012. Die letzte enthält Werke für Blasorchester, wofür er immer häufiger schreibt.

Seine Werke werden fast in der ganzen Welt gespielt, besonders in Asien, Amerika und Europa. Eine seiner Kompositionen wurde in der Carnegie Hall in New York im Jahr 2015 vom professionellen Trompetenensemble *Tromba Mundi* aufgeführt.

Heutzutage schreibt er meistens auf Bestellung für Wettbewerbe, Konzerte und Theatervorstellungen. Er hat auch eine rege Tätigkeit als Arrangeur.

Er widmet sich immer mehr dem Dirigieren und leitet zwei Brass Bands: *Concordia* in Vétroz (Höchstklasse) und *Marcelline* in Grône (1. Klasse).

2007 wurde er auch eingeladen, den BBNJ (National Youth Brass Band) zu leiten.

Bertrand Moren teilt seine Zeit zwischen Unterricht, Spielen, Komponieren und Dirigieren. Er ist auch regelmäßig als Jurymitglied bei verschiedenen Musikwettbewerben in der Schweiz und im Ausland eingeladen.

Buzzing for all Brass Instruments

Buzzing is a fundamental technique for brass players. It consists of making the lips vibrate, either alone or inside the mouthpiece. It develops precision, flexibility, intonation, and sound quality. Practised regularly, buzzing strengthens the facial muscles, improves breath support, and prepares for a more stable sound production.

My method offers exercises that are suitable from an early age. I recommend playing each phrase first with the instrument, then as buzzing (with or without the mouthpiece), depending on the desired goal. Articulations can vary according to the specific aspect of playing to be improved, at the teacher's discretion; for this reason, they are intentionally not indicated.

Breathing should be deep and supported. Playing loudly (forte) strengthens volume, while alternating between extreme dynamics (FF/PP) develops control.

The exercises are flexible: it's not necessary to follow everything in order or to start in the very low or very high range. Adapt to the student's level and stay creative!

This method includes several chapters:

1. First Steps:

Simple and basic exercises to establish the foundations of listening and vibration.

2. Bendings:

These exercises develop air support and strengthen the muscles in the corners of the mouth, essential for endurance and the high register. They are ideally played on the instrument but can also be practiced as buzzing, depending on the needs. Each phrase should be played using the fingering of the first note, modulating the pitch by moving the corners of the mouth: up for higher notes, down for lower notes.

3. Simple Phrases:

Consonant intervals and tonal phrases to gradually develop listening and vibration. Breath support remains crucial.

4. Pedal Note Practice:

Mastering pedal notes is crucial for developing sound and the high register, even for cornet and horn. For instruments without a fourth valve or compensating system, it's common to start with all three valves pressed down, but the goal is to play them with the actual fingering (as one octave higher). A maximum opening of the oral cavity is essential (like holding a hot potato in your mouth), while keeping the corners firm and avoiding puffing the cheeks, to maintain pressure and control. The cheek muscles should direct the airflow forward.

5. Range Development:

The concepts previously introduced (support, vibration, musculature, listening, etc.) are expanded and developed to broaden the range as much as possible in both directions—low and high—and to improve endurance.

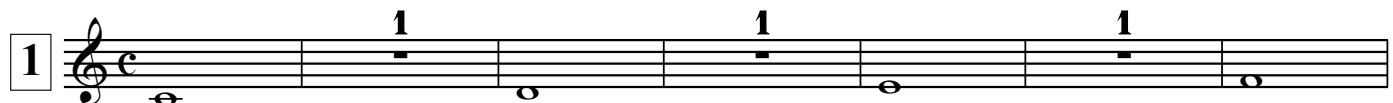
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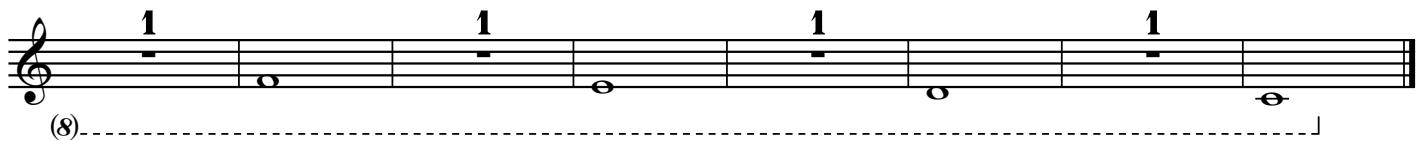
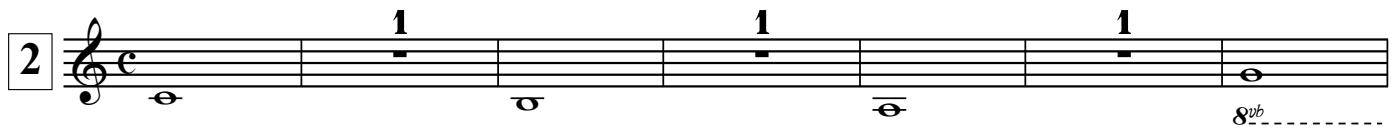
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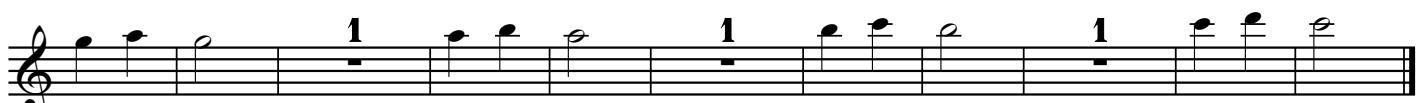
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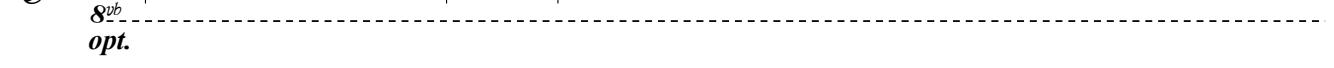
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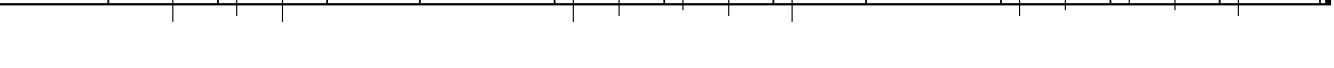
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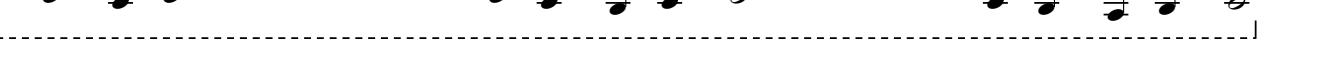
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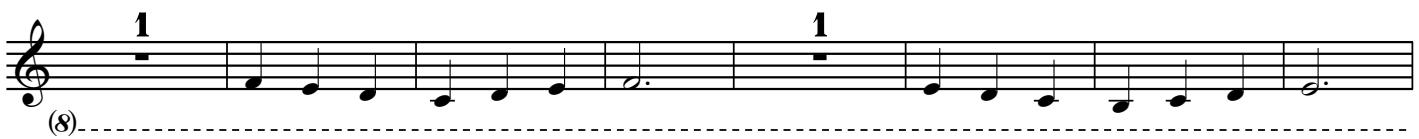
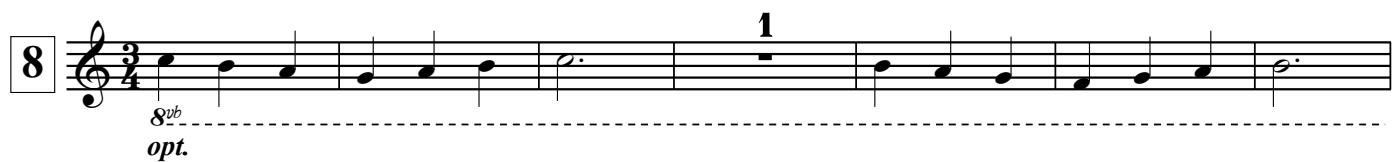
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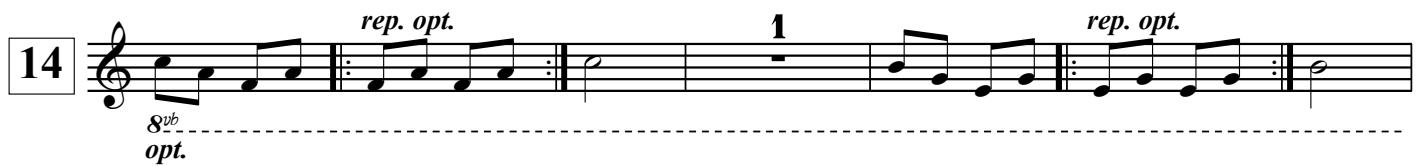
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Sheet music for a solo instrument, page 11, measures 1-10. The music is in 2/4 time, treble clef, and consists of ten staves of music. Measure 1 starts with a rest followed by eighth-note pairs. Measures 2-3 show eighth-note pairs followed by a rest. Measures 4-5 show eighth-note pairs followed by a rest. Measures 6-7 show eighth-note pairs followed by a rest. Measures 8-9 show eighth-note pairs followed by a rest. Measure 10 ends with a fermata over the first note of the staff.

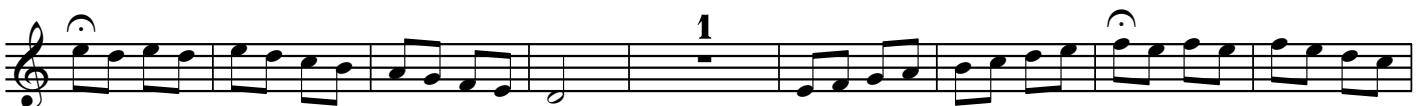
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A musical score page featuring a treble clef staff. Measure 18 starts with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note, then a half note with a fermata. Measure 19 begins with a half note, followed by a dotted half note, then a half note with a fermata. Measure 20 starts with a half note, followed by a dotted half note, then a half note with a fermata. Measure 21 begins with a half note, followed by a dotted half note, then a half note with a fermata. The page number '18' is in a box at the top left, and '8vb' is written below the staff.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 8 starts with a dotted half note followed by a sixteenth note rest. Measures 9 and 10 continue with eighth-note patterns. Measure 11 begins with a dotted half note followed by a sixteenth note rest.

A musical staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The staff contains ten notes. The first note is a quarter note. The second note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign. The third note is a eighth note followed by a flat sign. The fourth note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign. The fifth note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign. The sixth note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign. The seventh note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign. The eighth note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign. The ninth note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign. The tenth note is a eighth note followed by a sharp sign.

A musical staff in treble clef, starting with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure consists of six eighth notes: F#, G, A, B, C, D. The second measure starts with a quarter note rest, followed by six eighth notes: D, E, F#, G, A, B. The third measure starts with a quarter note rest, followed by six eighth notes: B, C, D, E, F#, G. The fourth measure starts with a quarter note rest.

A musical score for piano, featuring ten staves of music. The key signature changes from C major to G major over the course of the page. Measures 1-10 show a variety of rhythmic patterns and harmonic progressions.

Musical score for page 20, measures 11-12. The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a quarter note followed by a half note, then a measure of two eighth notes. The bottom staff starts with a half note, followed by a measure of three eighth notes (two regular and one sharp), then a half note. The score concludes with a repeat sign and the text "etc...".

A musical score page showing measures 21-22. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). Measure 21 starts with a quarter note on G, followed by eighth notes on F, E, D, C, B, A, and G. Measure 22 starts with a quarter note on A, followed by eighth notes on G, F, E, D, C, B, A, and G. The measure ends with a fermata over the last eighth note.

Musical score for page 22, measures 1-2. The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. Measure 1 begins with a quarter note on G4 in the treble staff and a half note on D3 in the bass staff. Measure 2 begins with a quarter note on A4 in the treble staff and a half note on E3 in the bass staff.

A musical score page labeled '23' at the top left. The page contains ten measures of music on a single staff. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). Measure 1 starts with a quarter note followed by a eighth note. Measures 2-4 show eighth notes in various positions. Measures 5-7 feature sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 8-10 continue the sixteenth-note patterns. The measure numbers 1 through 10 are written above each measure. The word 'etc...' is written at the end of the page.

3. Simple Phrases / Phrases simples / Einfache Phrasen

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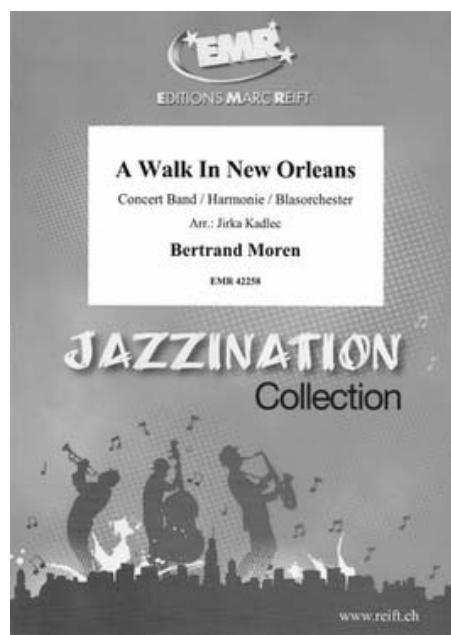
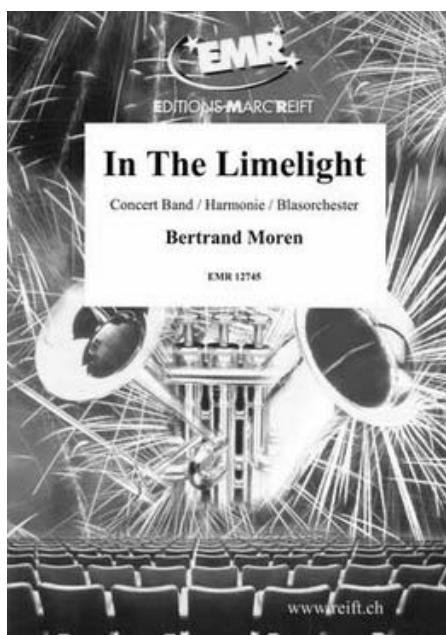
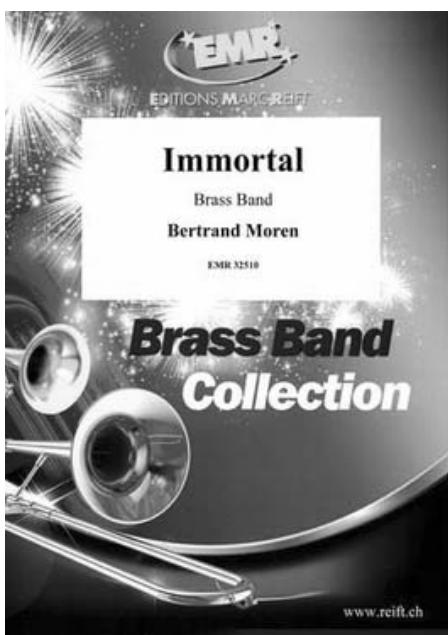
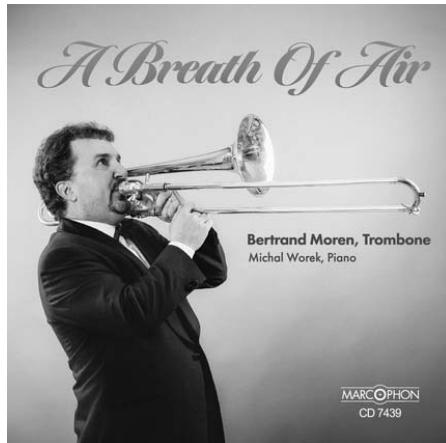
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