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### Trumpet Fundamentals

## • Warming up

Flapping/buzzing lips and cheeks

Breathing	
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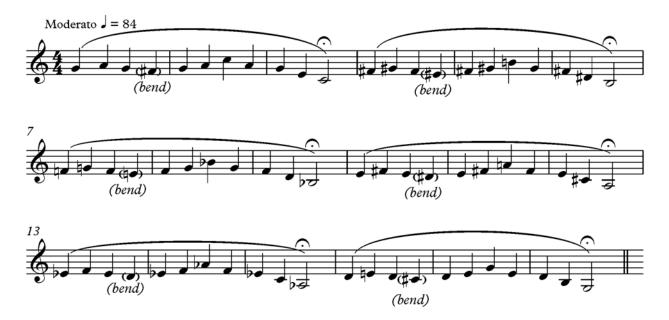
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#### Panting

Lip & Mouthpiece buzz on pitch



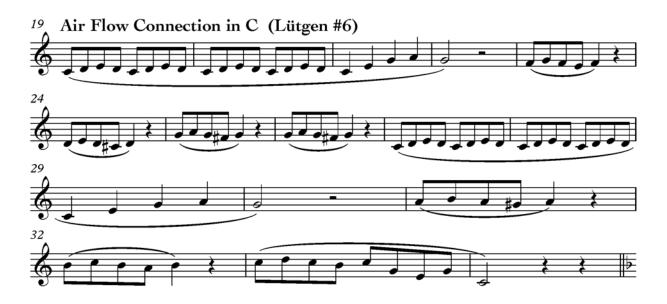
# • Air Flow [....Also Focus on Sound]



Always play in the center of your sound!



Easy Air Flow Exercise











#### • Keep in Mind

MINIMUM mouthpiece pressure on the lips!

Practice scales/arpeggios—work up to two octaves

Practice with metronome and tuner

Long tones vs. lip slurs—<u>both</u> are beneficial

Play in the center/core of your sound

Go from center (of note) to center (of note)

Keep corners firm and blow <u>through</u> the horn

Think <u>up</u> when going down—think <u>down</u> when going up (J. Stamp)

Play with backing tracks/play-alongs HAVE FUN!

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act but a HABIT! —Aristotle, 384-322 B.C.