

SJU private trumpet lessons with Ralph Alessi

1st Year

Trumpet fundamentals will be studied including breathing techniques, sound and rhythmic concepts and developing a proper practice routine with the right balance of trumpet and jazz focus. Students will work on 2-4 transcriptions. 1st year jazz standards will include Airegin, Just Friends/Jag, 52nd Street Theme, 26-2, Boo Boo's birthday, Ask Me Now. In addition, regular listening assignments will also be emphasized. The expectation is for the student to work towards being able to improvise without accompaniment. A practice journal is to be kept.

2nd year

Students will work on 2-4 additional transcriptions. 2nd year jazz standards will include Con Alma, Evidence, Pannonica, Miss Ann, The Blessing. In addition, various free improvisation techniques will be explored. A practice journal is to be kept.