

Autumn Brass Off

Story by Tom Leonhardt

Music by Sarah Houle

① Autumn Brass Off Intro

(A delightfully cheerful intro theme, idyllic 1950's theme-ish, reoccurring background theme during narration. An "additional voice of the narrator".)

NARRATOR: The fine folks of Sousaphone Falls have been anxiously anticipating the annual Autumn Brass Off sponsored by Rexheart's Credit Union and Horner State Bank. This year Sousaphone Falls will be represented by the best group of players the town has seen in its storied 113 year tradition. As always, the players were hand selected by the town's musically inclined, white-haired curmudgeons.

lush and mellow *soften when narrator enters*

Trumpet in B \flat

Trombone

Euphonium

Tuba

B \flat Tpt.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

f *mf* *f* *mf* *fp* *mf*

VENDOR: Get your picklesicles here! Cold, crisp, refreshingly briny goodness for the whole family!

ANCHOR: I'm Denfily Dalthorne from Channel 17 News and I'm standing here in front of Aunt Helen's Frozen Confection Shop enjoying a fine Picklesicle with my guest here, little Grace Shoemaker from Sousaphone Falls. She'll be making her Autumn Brass Off finals debut when she takes on Randy Marshall this evening for the Under 17 Brass Off Championship. How does it feel to have made it this far in the competition, Grace?

GRACE: Well, I can't say I'm not nervous, but I've put in a lot of practice and I have had some solid qualifying performances so far this weekend. I'm pretty confident that I'm going to be alright. Here, do you want this thing? It tastes like pickles.

ANCHOR: You mention solid qualifying performances earlier in the competition. Let's take a look at a couple clips from your solos so far. Go ahead there in the studio.

CUE 8 Euphonium plays short solo selections, anchor narrates each

8

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

open

mf

53

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

mf

70

B \flat Tpt.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

mf

f

ALL BRASS TO STRAIGHT MUTES

(Loud applause)

RANDOM GUY IN THE CROWD: (Heard in the distance after Grace finishes.) You kicked his butt, Gracie!

GRACE: Thank you. Thank you all so very much

ANNOUNCER: Sir, you need to sit down. Thank you for your enthusiasm. Now, Randy, would you like to say something to the crowd?

CUE 11 Play under narrator

NARRATOR: (Heart pounding sound) This was the exact moment Randy had been dreading. He was pretty certain the special someone Grace mentioned in her remarks was indeed himself. Randy knew once he opened his mouth there would be no turning back.

11

Straight Mute

B \flat Tpt.

mp Straight Mute

Tbn.

mp

Straight Mute

Euph.

mp

Opt. Straight Mute

Tuba

mp

p

p

p

p

open