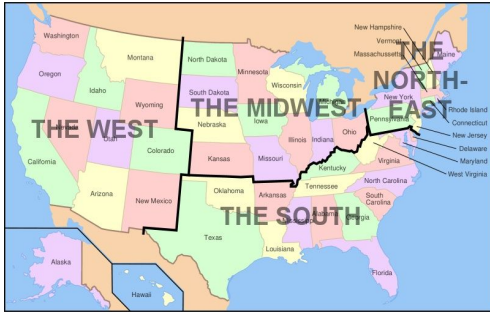


# The Monthly Reed

## WEATHER



**Northeast:** Cold, windy, overall misery  
*Reed tips:* *Pray.*

**Midwest:** Snowy, cold, windy, and pretty darn miserable  
*Reed tips:* *Like your Northeast friends, pray.*

**West:** Eh, this section is too large to predict  
*Reed tips:* *Good luck.*

**South:** Humid, temperatures above 50 degrees  
*Reed tips:* *Congratulations, you live in the one region where reeds can live up to their true potential. Watch Netflix and make reeds.*

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

“Ask not what your reed can do for you, ask what you can do for your reed.”  
-- *John F. Kennedy*

“The only sure weapon against bad reeds is better reeds.”  
-- *Alfred Whitney Griswold*

“Put your heart, mind and soul into even your shortest reeds. This is the secret of success.”  
-- *Swami Sivananda*

## ACROSS

- 4. The period in Western music from about 1600-1750 AD
- 5. Number of Brahms symphonies
- 10. Lowest member of the woodwind family
- 12. Material often found at the top of a German-style bassoon
- 14. Musical texture featuring two or more melodic voices of equal importance
- 15. Composer best known for his work, K191
- 17. e.g. The duck from Peter and the Wolf
- 19. Burns longer than a violin?
- 21. Stravinsky’s ballet that opens with a very high bassoon solo: Le sacre du \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Composer of 4’33”
- 24. The bane of a bassoonist’s existence

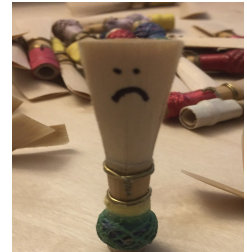
## OBITUARIES



**Reed #292** met a tragic end when, after hours of careful scraping and sanding, its creator was overcome with frustration and smashed it into the table. 292 had a life full of struggle; may it rest in peace.

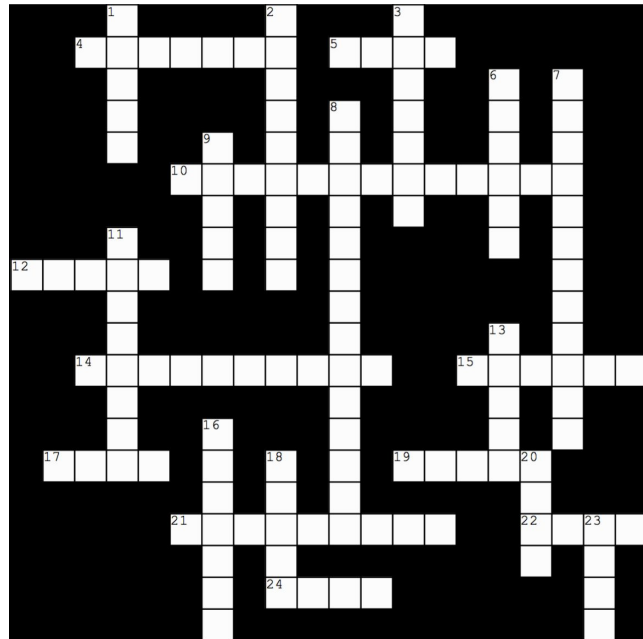


**Reed #248** had a long and prosperous life. After performing admirably at countless concerts, 248 lived out its last few days in a wooden reed box, occasionally playing scales and etudes. This gem will be sorely missed.



**Reed #235**, known for his generally bright personality, spent his last few playing hours surrounded by reeds made from the same cane.

## MUSIC NERD PUZZLE #1



## DOWN

- 1. Father of the symphony
- 2. First American-born conductor of the New York Philharmonic
- 3. Renaissance precursor to the bassoon
- 6. Das beste Instrument der Welt (The best instrument in the world)
- 7. Penned the score to Star Wars, Indiana Jones, etc...
- 8. Gershwin’s jazz-influenced “concerto” for piano and orchestra
- 9. Piano’s opposite
- 11. e.g. Handel’s Messiah
- 13. Metal “neck” of the bassoon
- 16. e.g. The Breaking Winds
- 18. Alternative clef for mid-low register instruments
- 20. With bow
- 23. Every Little Monster’s idol