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Students take note of his classic lessons

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As Steven Trinkle played his trumpet, Ricky Barton kept tempo from his spot on the front row.

First, Ricky, a tiny third-grader, was a conductor waving his hand to the beat of the music.

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Then Ricky joined Trinkle in an imaginary duet. His nimble fingers pumped the valves of an invisible trumpet.

'We need audiences that know what's good and what's bad.'

— Steven Trinkle

"That's right, kid," Trinkle thought as he peered under his music stand. "Now, keep it up."

A grant from the state Arts Council is paying for Trinkle to perform concerts at 17 elementary and middle schools in the county. Once a week, he works with brass players at three high schools.

Trinkle hopes that his performances, which include Bach, Handel and Stravinsky, will encourage young people to learn more about music. His approach to

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Steven Trinkle plays a tubaphone, an instrument he designed, for students at Union Chapel Elementary School.