

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Jeffrey Nussbaum

The Historic Brass Society now has XXX members and this past year has been a great success. This, our second journal, continues what I hope will be a long tradition of publishing important and stimulating articles by leading authorities in the field. Not only is the *HBS Journal* a forum for presenting the latest research, it also presents up-to-date events, concert, recording, publishing, instrument-making, restoration and collecting news in the early brass field. It is your source of information. We would like the communication to be more of a two-way street. News of HBS member activity as well as letters to the editor are eagerly sought. The HBS co-sponsored Early Brass Festival 6 was a great success (see *News of the Field*). As you can see from the 1991 membership application, we have many interesting articles planned for the *HBS Newsletter 3* and the *HBS Journal Vol. 3*. Many leaders in the early brass field, such as Don L. Smithers, Herbert Heyde, Edward Tarr, Bruce Dickey, Reine Dahlqvist, David Lasocki, Henry Howey, Keith Polk among others, will be represented. We will also continue to publish translations of important historical treatises and early brass methods.

Plans are being considered to present an international Historic Brass Symposium. This would be a major project involving leading early brass specialists from around the world. We are still in the process of becoming a tax-exempt not-for-profit corporation. Once that is completed, the HBS plans to establish a board of directors as well as a board of advisers. Fund-raising will then be possible, since we will be eligible for grants from government and private foundations as well as tax-deductible contributions from members of the society and community at large.

In order to continue our good work we need your continued support. Please send in your 1991 HBS membership application today. We are not a large community, so the HBS needs everyone's support. If you have an academic affiliation, please ask your library to subscribe to our publications. Thanks must go to our fine authors, executive committee members, steering committee members and to you, the members of the HBS.