



## Trumpet

### Date

43-409

### Medium

Bronze

### Description

Circular piece of corroded metal in two halves. Mouth of a bronze trumpet or tuba. Found during excavations on the site of the New Post Office, St Martins le Grand in 1870.

London. Unlike the modern tuba, the Roman tuba was a long, straight instrument - 'tuba' deriving from 'tubus', the Latin for tube. They were made from bronze, with a detachable bone mouthpiece. Rather than being used for music as might be suspected, the tuba was a military device used to give signals such as to charge and retreat.