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Symphonic Orchestra

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Logical Conclusions to Effective Intonation

- 1. At this time it is unimportant to recognize Sharp or Flat, only the speed of the beats.
- 2. Make a move with the Barrel, Slide, Mouthpiece (sax, flute roll in/ or out). It doesn't make any difference whether it is in or out. Listen for the beats, did they slow down or speed up with the barrel or slide adjustment?
- 3. If the beats were faster, then you made the wrong move, adjust in the opposite direction.
- 4. If the beats become slower, then you are making the correct move, continue until all beats are eliminated.
- 5. If you find yourself "pinching" to eliminate beats, then your instrument is too long, it must be shortened.
- 6. If you find yourself "relaxing" your embouchure to eliminate beats, then the instrument is too short, it must be lengthened.
- 7. When two or more similar pitches are played, the sound is "beatless" (and you are not using any unnecessary pressure or relaxation on the mouthpiece)... You are Perfectly IN TUNE!

3 Logical Steps to Effective Balance and Blend

If you hear yourself above all others, 1 of 3 things is happening:

1. You are overpowering or overblowing! Make the necessary adjustment. This initiates an auditory reaction to Balance.

If you still hear yourself and you made the adjustment in #1, then:

2. You are playing with poor tone quality! Make the necessary adjustments (embouchure, breath support, posture, reed, etc.) *This initiates an auditory reaction to Blend* and a physical reaction to embouchure and breath support. Poor tone quality will not blend with anything!

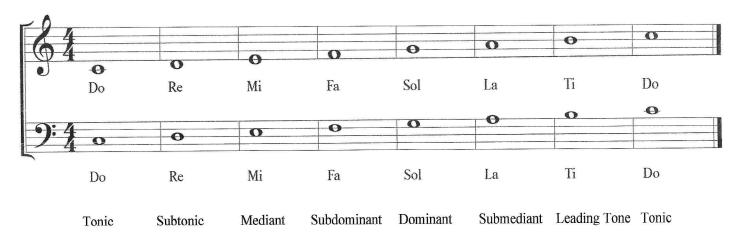
If you still hear yourself and you made the adjustment in #1 and #2, then:

3. You are playing out of tune! Make the necessary adjustment by extending or shortening the length of your instrument. This initiates an auditory response to "Beatless Tuning."

Singing Exercises

Solfege:

also called "solfeggio" or "solfa," is a system where every note of a scale is given its own unique syllable, which is used to sing that note every time it appears.



Two Types of Do:

Moveable Do:

Do is always assigned the first note of a major scale

Fixed Do:

Do is always C natural, and all other notes are assigned specific pitches

Before we sing, check the following:

- Sit or stand appropriately with good posture.
- Relax shoulders, neck, and jaw; no tension.
- Sing with a Smile!
- We're all singing, so sing with confidence!

Exercises:

- 1. Match Pitch. Syllables to be used: Doh, Dah, Ahh
- 2. Sing in Drones on each note, sustaining each solfege syllable.
- 3. Do, Do Re Do, (Do Re Me Re Do, etc...)
- 4. 8th note Ascension and Descension:
 - (up) Do...Do Re...Do Re Mi...Do Re Mi Fa...
 - (Down) Do...Do Ti...Do Ti La...Do Ti La Sol...

^{*}For our exercises, we will be using Moveable Do

Daily Warmups

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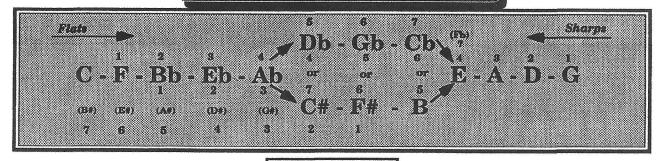
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$Grouping\ Assignments$



Woodwind Choir

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3

Group 4

Piccolo **Eb** Clarinet Oboe 1st Flute 1st Clarinet

1st Alto Sax

2nd Flute 2nd Clarinet 2nd Alto Sax

3rd Clarinet Alto Clarinet Tenor Sax

Bass Clarinet Bassoons Bari Sax Contra Clarinets

Brass Choir

Group 1

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Group 2

Group 3

Group 4

1st Cornet 1st Trumpet 1st French Horn 1st Trombone

2nd Cornet 2nd French Horn

3rd Cornet 2nd Trumpet 2nd & 3rd Trombone

3rd & 4th French Horn

Baritone, Euphonium

Tuba String Bass

Percussion

Vibraphone (soft mallets)

Group 2

Group 3 Xylophone (soft mallets) Marimba (soft mallets) Group 4 Tympani

Bells

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