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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!

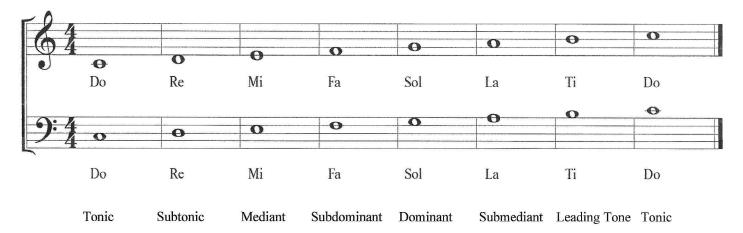
If you still hear yourself and you made the adjustment in #1 and #2, then:

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:

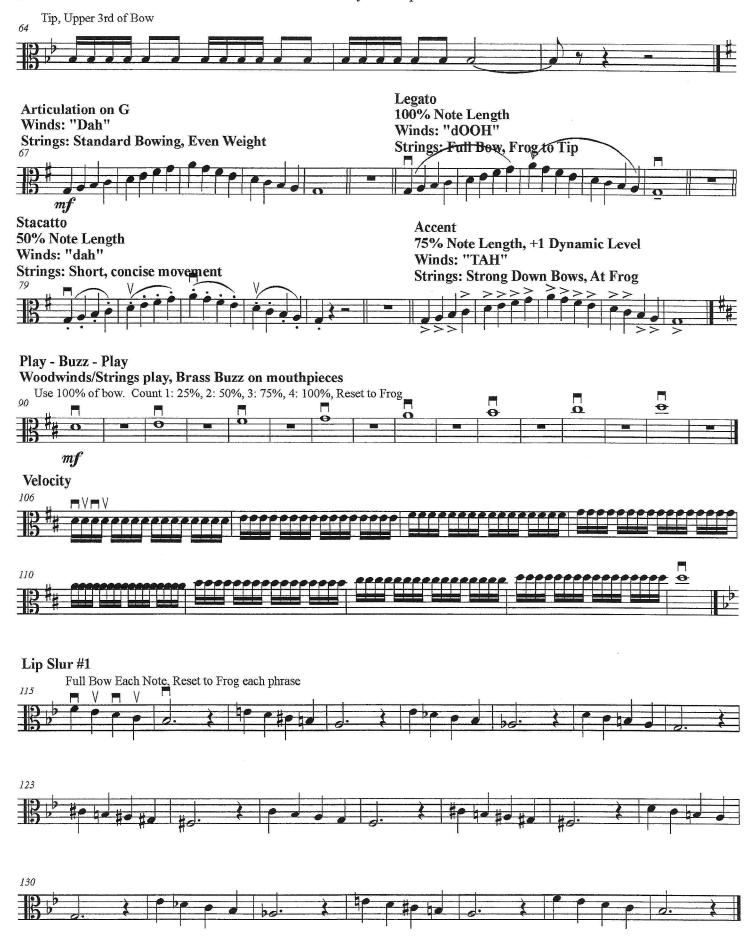
- 1. Match Pitch. Syllables to be used: Doh, Dah, Ahh
- 2. Sing in Drones on each note, sustaining each solfege syllable.
- 3. Do, Do Re Do, (Do Re Me Re Do, etc...)
- 4. 8th note Ascension and Descension:
 - (up) Do...Do Re...Do Re Mi ...Do Re Mi Fa...
 - (Down) Do...Do Ti...Do Ti La Sol...

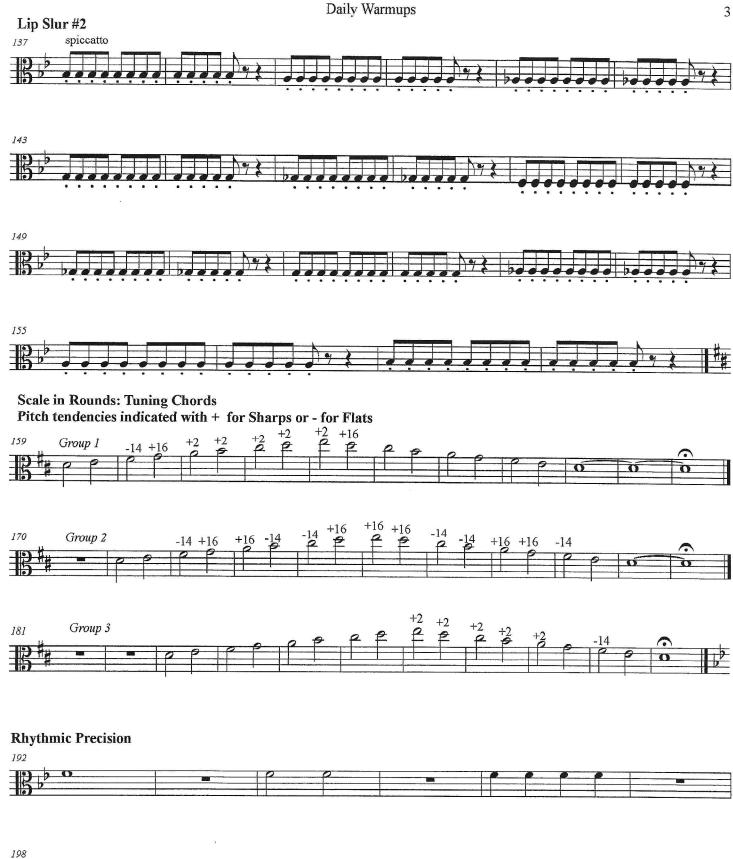
^{*}For our exercises, we will be using Moveable Do

Daily Warmups Symphonic Orchestra

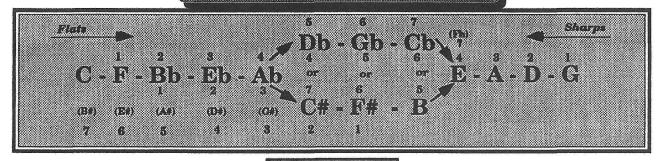
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Grouping Assignments



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

(Enlarge and duplicate for students)

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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

Bella

hopes Marinha

Lower morimoe

