

How To Memorize Your Music

1. Learn your music slowly and correctly! Make sure you are reading your rhythms and key signatures correctly. Use a recording if available to verify.
2. Memorize the first small chunk. Start with the first phrase, or half of the first phrase, but keep it small. Play it three times looking at it, then three times looking away. Go back to looking at the music if you have trouble.
3. Memorize the second small chunk. Use the same system: look at it and play three times, then look away and play until it's right three times in a row.
4. Combine the first two chunks. Look at them 3x, then memorized 3x.
5. Go on to the next chunk and begin playing. Continue in the same way by adding chunks until you know the whole thing!

Tips and Tricks

- Don't memorize wrong notes! Make sure it's RIGHT before it's MEMORIZED.
- Don't go on to the next chunk until you have successfully played the previous chunk three times in a row.
- Practice slowly and make sure you are playing it correctly.
- Be patient with yourself! This takes a long time and is not easy at first. But it gets easier. Don't get frustrated.
- Never try to memorize too much. One phrase or half of a phrase is the best way to build your memorization of any music
- Don't wait too long to start! If you know the music is going to have to be performed memorized, start the process as soon as you can play it correctly.
- Once you have it memorized, continue to play it so you don't forget it!

Good luck!