


TEN
Top Practice
Tips
for
Young
Musicians






TEN TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR PRACTICE TIME REALLY COUNT!



- 1) Practice a little EVERY day; this is far more beneficial than one or two long practice sessions a week.
 - 2) Have a certain time each day that is set aside specifically for your practice. It will then become part of your daily routine.
 - 3) Split your daily practice into even smaller time chunks i.e. technical work in the morning and pieces in the afternoon/evening.
 - 4) Learn each piece a phrase at a time. Practice each phrase SLOWLY until you have it and then go to the next phrase.
 - 5) Starting at the beginning of the piece and playing through to the end each time you practice is not an effective use of your time! You are merely practicing mistakes!
 - 6) Don't practice mistakes or you will become very good at playing them!
 - 7) Sometimes start in the middle of your piece and work to the end.
 - 8) Regularly record yourself and listen carefully to it.
 - 9) Practice the hard bits - not just the bits you like.
 - 10) Listen to your pieces being played by the great players.
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