

Enhance Expression with Efficient Listening;

Small Doses, Big Results

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“Are you ever disappointed by the level of expression in your rehearsals?”

All age groups

Various causes

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- Causes of poor expression;
 - Lack of motivation
 - Lack of conceptualization
 - Limited technical development
 - Equipment limitations
 - Psychology of playing

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“Most would agree that listening can be a great benefit, but some may argue or object

However,

- Jazz educators

- Evidence

- Efficiency

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The Case for Listening

- Hypothetical situation teaching a lifting release

- Hypothetical situation teaching a boisterous style

 - Lack of light style

 - Quick peak in the resource

 - “Themes from Green Bushes”*

 - Quick discussion

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My Genesis with Using Listening Excerpts

I needed to be more efficient

MacBook with iTunes/Apple Music App

Huge amount of music to sift through

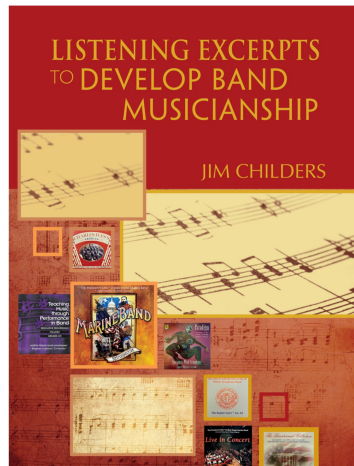
Compiled tables of excerpts

Listening Excerpts to Develop Band Musicianship

GIA Publications

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Quick and easy retrieval of information.
There is room to add your own
information.



INSTRUMENTS – CHARACTERISTIC TONE

Trombone (cont.)

TITLE – MVT. (COMPOSER/ARRANGER)	RECORDING	TRACK	TIME	NOTES
Cajun Folk Songs II – 2: Country Dance (Ticheli)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grade 4	Disc 1 Tr. 3	2:03	
Declaration and Dance (Clark)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 1 Tr. 7	1:55	
Legend of Knife River (Bulla)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 1 Tr. 16	1:23	
Sinfonia VI – 4: Fire (Broege)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 2 Tr. 8	0:08 0:33	
When the Stars Began to Fall (Allen)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 2 Tr. 9	0:01	
American Riversongs (La Plante)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 2 Tr. 10	0:46 2:19	
Canterbury Chorale (Van der Roost)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 2 Tr. 12	1:33 2:37	Accompaniment
Courtly Airs and Dances – 4: Saltarello (Nelson)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 2 Tr. 17	0:40	
Highbridge Excursions – 1: Song of the Lake (Williams)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 2 Tr. 23	2:29	
Mystery on Mena Mountain (Giroux-West)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 3 Tr. 5	2:22	
The Renaissance Fair – 2: Shepherdesses' Dance (Margolis)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 3 Tr. 7	0:34	
Sun Dance (Ticheli)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 3, Grades 2–3	Disc 3 Tr. 15	3:15	
Folk Dances (Shostakovich/arr. Reynolds)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 4, Grades 4–5	Disc 2 Tr. 6	2:05	Exemplary
Puszta – Mvt. 4 (Van der Roost)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 4, Grades 4–5	Disc 2 Tr. 14	2:13	
Slava! (Bernstein/arr. Grundman)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 4, Grades 4–5	Disc 2 Tr. 20	0:09	
Shortcut Home (Wilson)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 5, Grades 4–5	Disc 2 Tr. 4	0:40	
Fortress (Ticheli)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 5, Grades 2–4	Disc 2 Tr. 8	2:55	
Ferne Weite (Rudin)	<i>Teaching Music through Performance</i> , Vol. 7, Grades 2–3	Disc 3 Tr. 1	3:28	

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Basics for Efficient Listening

Amplification system

Bigger is better, but Presonus Eris E3.5 studio monitors

Method of storage and retrieval

iTunes, Apple Music App, Spotify, or other

Resource book

Keep it all close

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Quickly search in the upper Left.

Use the cursor on the time bar to start listening close to the listed time stamp.

Some, especially younger directors, prefer Spotify. I'm faster with Apple Music App.

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Title	Artist	Album	Genre	Plays	Time
The Corsair Overture, Opus 21	President's Own			5	9:15
English Folk Song Suite, mvt 1	President's Own			6	3:29
English Folk Song Suite, mvt. 2	President's Own			5	4:18
English Folk Song Suite mvt 3	President's Own			5	4:10
Suite Francaise mvt 1	President's Own			5	1:47
Suite Francaise mvt 2	President's Own			5	4:52
Suite Francaise mvt 3	President's Own			4	1:54
Suite Francaise mvt 4	President's Own			3	4:13
Suite Francaise mvt 5	President's Own			3	3:11
Toccata Marziale	President's Own			1	4:50
Awayday	President's Own				6:26
Scherzo for Band, Rossini	President's Own			3	3:02
Entry of the Gladiators	President's Own			11	2:58
The Circus Bee	President's Own			12	2:33
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine	President's Own			6	3:36
Star-Spangled Overture From A...	"The President's...	Anthems	Easy Liste...	4	5:10
American Hymn; William Schum...	"The President's...	Anthems	Easy Liste...	2	10:12
Silent Moves The Symphony Tru...	"The President's...	Anthems	Easy Liste...	2	11:51
October, Opus 131; Dmitri Shost...	"The President's...	Anthems	Easy Liste...	1	12:34
Marche Funebre - Symphonie F...	"The President's...	Anthems	Easy Liste...		17:12
Oraison Funebre - Symphonie F...	"The President's...	Anthems	Easy Liste...	1	7:09
Apotheose - Symphonie Funebr...	"The President's...	Anthems	Easy Liste...	1	10:12
Flourishes And Meditations On...	"The President's...	Flourishes And Me...	Concert B...	3	14:54
In A Nutshell: 1. Arrival Platform...	"The President's...	Flourishes And Me...	Concert B...	14	2:30
In A Nutshell: 2. "Gay But Wistf...	"The President's...	Flourishes And Me...	Concert B...	12	2:30
In A Nutshell: 3. Pastoral	"The President's...	Flourishes And Me...	Concert B...	8	8:42
In A Nutshell: 4. "The Gum-Suc...	"The President's...	Flourishes And Me...	Concert B...	9	3:38
Suite From The Perfect Fool, O...	"The President's...	Flourishes And Me...	Concert B...	13	4:34
Suite From The Perfect Fool, O...	"The President's...	Flourishes And Me...	Concert B...	10	3:00

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3 Steps to Efficient Listening

1. Focus their attention on what to listen for.
2. Use gestures or verbal cues to pinpoint the focal moments.
3. After listening, discuss the physical or technical information.

Examples of what that would look like;

Lifting release

Trombone tone quality

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Strategies for Drawing Expression from Students and How
Listening Helps

The shape of the air stream

Direction and arrival

Variations in tone color

Approach expression with the audience in mind

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In Closing

Listening to great recordings will motivate you as well as your students.
We all fear losing time in rehearsals.
If you are organized and efficient, small doses will and can bring many benefits.

- Increased motivation

- Better conceptualization

- Goals for technical repetition