

SCORE PREPARATION IS LIKE PLANNING A FAMILY VACATION

*How to evaluate, plan, rehearse, and perform for
maximum impact*

Score Preparation

Pick an Appropriate Destination

- Reflective: What are you trying to achieve with your target audience?

Understand Barriers to Success

- Reflective: Honestly weight cost/benefit after you do all of your research

Make This Something that They Will Remember

- Reflective: Don't shy away from risk if you believe that the journey is worth taking

Conducting Technique

Two types of needed conducting skill sets

- Rehearsal Conducting: Reactive and diagnostic
- Performance Conducting: Proactive and preparing

Consider using two separate scores

- Rehearsal score: Schematic diagram of musical mechanics
- Performance score: Promotes engagement with quick reminders

Most conductors stay in rehearsal mode, even in performance

Developing an Interpretation

- Pick appropriate music
- Understand big picture
- Understand musical mechanics
- Understand the journey
- Understand the challenges
- Develop your own opinion
- Be able to function as both rehearsal conductor and performance conductor

Extra Thoughts

- Strive for clear communication
- Use recordings sparingly
- Actionable concepts from the podium
- Your interpretation will evolve
- Give yourself grace