

COMPONENTS OF MUSIC

Simplify.

Listen.

Apply.

THERE ARE ONLY FOUR PARTS TO GOOD MUSIC

- 1) Tone
- 2) Time
- 3) Intonation
- 4) Style

?If any component is missing, the musical product will be weak!

?Notice how tone comes first and style last. Work from the top of the list downward because bad tone sounds bad, no matter what!

PRACTICE WITH THE FOUR COMPONENTS IN MIND

I. SIMPLIFY

?Think about about individual parts, not just the complete sound.

?This will let you

- 1) clearly identify strengths and weaknesses
- 2) apply simple solutions

II. LISTEN

?If you don't know what sounds good, you won't sound good! So...

?Search for examples of good sound, and form a mental concept of the components.

?Listen to:

- 1) other players
- 2) recordings
- 3) your mental concept (the trombone sound in your head)
- 4) your own sound (& compare!)

III. APPLY

?Practice each component alone. This increases the quality of your practice time.

- a. Long tones (tone)
- b. With a metronome (time)
- c. With a tuner (intonation)
- d. Record yourself, listen & analyze (style)

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