# **Practice Suggestions**

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#### To become a better musician:

- You must practice often and you must practice well. Quality of practice is just as important as quantity of practice.
- When you practice, make sure you are playing your music accurately.
- Slow and steady wins the race! If you are learning a section of a piece and are not able to play it accurately, **slow down!**

## **Accurate Repetition**

- These are perhaps the two most important words for successful practice.
- Repeat something accurately until it is effortless and it will stick with you.
- Isolate the harder sections of pieces and repeat them slowly and accurately. The next time you play that piece, it will be easier.
- Remember: Accuracy is more important than speed!

#### **Use Your Metronome!**

- Your metronome is the most helpful practice tool you have.
- Playing accurately with your metronome helps you develop a better sense of rhythm and tempo, and will help you become a much better musician.

### "How to Learn a New Piece of Music."

- In learning new music, follow the step by step guidelines found on this website.
- At first glance, this process may seem long and involved, but once you get the hang of it, it is quite simple. Also, by going through these steps, you will learn the music accurately, and as a result, creating music will be much more fun.