

# **TOP 10 TIPS FOR DIRECTORS TO HELP THEIR PICCOLO PLAYERS PERFORM THEIR BEST**

#### 1. <u>Proper Assembly of the Piccolo</u>

A simple way to ensure your players are consistently performing at their best every day.

**2. Proper Hand/Body Position for the Piccolo** Easy to follow guidelines to maximize consistency of tone, hand position and intonation.

#### 3. <u>Breathing – The Essential Techniques for Piccolo</u>

Essential breathing techniques critical to ensuring consistent support and intonation for your piccolo players.

4. <u>Tone – Secrets to Producing Amazing Tone Fast on Piccolo</u>

Demonstration of the "PIP Test" – my easy technique that gives your entire section much cleaner tone with an increased tonal presence in minutes.

- **5. Properly Tuning a Piccolo Techniques for Tuning a Piccolo** My tested techniques that work for piccolo players regardless of playing experience.
- 6. <u>Vibrato Production for Piccolo Learn in Under 5 Minutes</u> 5 easy steps to teach your players vibrato in minutes.
- **7.** <u>Articulation Single and Double Tonguing for Piccolo</u> Simple ways to ensure precise and consistent articulation throughout your section.
- 8. <u>Care and Maintenance of the Piccolo</u> Clear Do's and Don'ts to keep piccolos properly serviced and playing their best.

## 9. <u>Piccolo Fingering/Trill Charts with Alternate Fingerings</u>

Easy to learn fingerings that will ensure consistent intonation throughout your section.

## 10. Efficient Practice Routines and Mental Strategies for Competition

Addressing "The Adrenaline Factor", plus easy steps you can take to improve your section's overall performance under concert conditions.

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