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ENSEMBLE DEVELOPMENT *for* **STRING OR FULL ORCHESTRA**

Warm-Up Exercises and Chorales to Improve Blend, Balance, Intonation, Phrasing, and Articulation

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What Is *Sound Orchestra*?

Sound Orchestra is a resource for developing ensemble performance skills for string or full orchestra. This method focuses on improving an ensemble's tone quality, intonation, and technique with 270 exercises, including chorales and orchestral themes that students will find both a joy and challenge to work through.

Features

- ▶ Thoroughly complements performance music for string or full orchestra by isolating and reinforcing each ensemble concept, focusing on improving blend, balance, intonation, phrasing, and articulation
- ▶ For intermediate through advanced string orchestra alone, or full orchestra, or string orchestra with any combination of wind and percussion players
- ▶ Percussion parts are included
- ▶ Violin 3 book that replicates the viola book is available
- ▶ Optional piano and saxophone parts are included
- ▶ Teacher's scores are available for string orchestra or full orchestra

Hundreds of Exercises

With 270 exercises and chorales grouped by key, you can use this resource as you see fit to address the needs of your ensemble.

Exercise Types Include

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| ▶ Tuning | ▶ Family Balance |
| ▶ Passing the Tonic | ▶ Layered Tuning |
| ▶ Scales and Arpeggios | ▶ Shifting Chord Qualities |
| ▶ Chromatic Scales | ▶ Scale Chorales |
| ▶ Scale Patterns | ▶ Bach Chorales |
| ▶ Phrasing | ▶ Chorales |
| ▶ Articulations | ▶ Orchestral Repertoire |
| ▶ Rhythmic Subdivision | ▶ Modulation |
| ▶ Perfect Intervals | ▶ Dynamics |
| ▶ Diatonic Harmony | |

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With a subscription to SmartMusic, you and your students can access additional exercises and chorales allowing for endless possibilities to further enhance your ensemble's growth through these supplemental pedagogical resources.

Key Signatures

In order to help students prepare for the keys most commonly used in intermediate string and full orchestra literature, key signatures are introduced in the following order:

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| ▶ G major / E minor | ▶ E-flat major / C minor |
| ▶ D major / B minor | ▶ A major / F-sharp minor |
| ▶ C major / A minor | ▶ A-flat major / F minor |
| ▶ F major / D minor | ▶ E major / C-sharp minor |
| ▶ B-flat major / G minor | |

Tuning

This technique is often used for tuning strings en masse and includes parts for full orchestra. Your ensemble can play it three times: the first time for strings alone, the second time for winds and percussion alone, and the third time tutti.

Passing the Tonic

These exercises help students concentrate on improving their individual characteristic tone and tuning skills as they work to achieve ensemble balance, blend, and intonation. Each line is designed to help students become accustomed to the tonality of the key and work toward stabilizing the pitch as they move the tonic note through the ensemble. As your string players' technical abilities develop, they should explore performing these exercises without open strings or in alternate positions.

Multiple Octaves

Some exercises show multiple octaves in order to provide opportunities for practice in different registers, more appropriate registers, or divisi as directed by the teacher.

Scales and Arpeggios

Students can work toward mastering a specific major or minor scale, as well as an arpeggio in that key (whether a familiar one or not), while developing a cohesive ensemble sound—especially when the strings are playing in a comfortable key and the winds are not, or vice versa.

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Concert G Major

1 TUNING—Play 3 times: 1st time strings alone, 2nd time winds and percussion alone, and 3rd time tutti. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

2 PASSING THE TONIC—These exercises help unify ensemble tone, balance, blend, and intonation. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

FL.

Ob.

CL.

Vins.

Viola

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. (Opt.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Timp.

Perc.

Strings (last 2nd time)

free bowing

free bowing

free bowing

free bowing

free bowing

87 CONCERT C MAJOR SCALE AND ARPEGGIO



46 CHROMATIC SCALE



Chromatic Scales

These exercises provide an opportunity to stabilize intonation throughout the ensemble while also practicing the kinesthetic memory needed for technical passages.

Scale Patterns

These exercises are designed to develop dexterity, facility, confidence, and familiarity with the scale of each key by using a variety of different patterns, each containing a variety of rhythms, meters, and articulations. Scale patterns are important for string players because they help them become familiar with common finger patterns and positions used in that key.

89 SCALE PATTERN



Balance and Intonation: Perfect Intervals

In these exercises, the ensemble begins by playing in unison before some of the players move to create a perfect fifth, and then return to the starting unison pitch. Following this pattern, students can focus on tuning the perfect intervals of a unison, fourth, fifth, and octave. Once they are comfortable with performing them in first position, string players can explore alternate fingerings or positions.

Balance and Intonation: Diatonic Harmony

By having students move between unison and diatonic triads, these exercises will foster the skills of vertical and horizontal tuning, balance, blend, and internalizing pitch, as well as a better understanding of common cadences and harmonic progressions.

29 BALANCE AND INTONATION: DIATONIC HARMONY—This exercise focuses on vertical tuning, horizontal tuning, balance, blend, and internalizing pitch. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

11 BALANCE AND INTONATION: LAYERED TUNING—This exercise focuses on tuning vertical sonorities as pitches enter. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

48 BALANCE AND INTONATION: PERFECT INTERVALS—This exercise focuses on the challenge of tuning the perfect intervals of a unison, fourth, fifth, and octave. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

Balance and Intonation: Layered Tuning

Intervals and triads are built and unbuilt by gradually adding or subtracting one member of an interval or triad at a time, allowing students to focus on tuning vertical sonorities in a variety of contexts.

Balance and Intonation: Family Balance

In addition to focusing on various aspects of ensemble, family, and section balance, as well as intonation, pitch tendencies, listening, and blending, many of these exercises address the essential concept of understanding how different musical lines appear in the foreground and background within the texture of various compositions.

50 BALANCE AND INTONATION: FAMILY BALANCE—These exercises focus on various aspects of ensemble, family, and section balance. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

Optional Violin 3

The optional violin 3 book is a replication of the viola book and can provide flexibility and balance of instrumentation as needed. When necessary, alternate notes are used to accommodate notes that go out of the violin range.

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53 **BALANCE AND INTONATION: SHIFTING CHORD QUALITIES**—This exercise focuses on vertical tuning, horizontal tuning, balance, blend, and internalizing pitch. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

Balance and Intonation: Shifting Chord Qualities

Cycling through different chord qualities will help foster the slight horizontal and vertical intonation adjustments needed when changing between them, as well as developing the skills of balance, blend, and pitch internalization.

Dynamics

Students will have the opportunity to further develop their abilities to perform and control dynamic levels, preserving beautiful characteristic tone while practicing sudden changes, gradual changes, extremes, and nuances of volume—as well as reinforcing the concept of foreground and background in musical textures.

13 **DYNAMICS**

Articulations

These exercises allow students to practice performing, controlling, and changing a variety of articulations in many contexts. This is especially useful for full orchestra where a cohesive sound is needed while combining the techniques of bowing for strings and tonguing for winds.

34 **ARTICULATION**

Phrasing

These exercises provide an opportunity to develop your students' sense of individual, section, and ensemble phrasing, with an emphasis on unifying the various families of instruments. Each exercise can be used to focus on the subtleties of musical releases, phrase lengths, contour of line, and shaping of phrases in various contexts.

Rhythmic Subdivision

Designed to help students understand and internalize rhythmic subdivision. While one part of the ensemble performs music containing common rhythmic patterns, the other part performs the supporting subdivision.

57 **RHYTHMIC SUBDIVISION**—This exercise focuses on stabilizing and internalizing rhythmic subdivision. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

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36 **PHRASING**—These exercises focus on the subtleties of musical releases, phrase lengths, contour of line, and shaping of phrases in various contexts. For more detailed information, please see the exercise descriptions at the beginning of the book.

Scale Chorales

These harmonized scale chorales feature two lines for every student part: the scale, and their part in the chorale. Directors can choose a single student, a section, a family, or any other combination of instrumentalists to play the scale while the rest of the ensemble performs the chorale.

100 CONCERT C MAJOR SCALE & CHORALE Chris M. Bernotas (ASCAP)

Bach Chorales

These stunning chorales allow students to practice each of the concepts addressed in the book as they work to refine and unify every aspect of ensemble performance.

142 CHORALE: BWV 180 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Arranged by Bob Phillips (ASCAP)

Optional Saxophone and Piano Accompaniment

There are optional books for piano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophone to provide directors with options for additional performers or balancing the instrumentation as needed.

Chorales

These chorales provide opportunities for students to develop the essential skills of tone production, blend, balance, intonation, phrasing, dynamics, articulation, style, and musical expression.

20 CHORALE Chris M. Bernotas (ASCAP)

Violin

Gently *mf*

20 CHORALE Chris M. Bernotas (ASCAP)

Clarinet

Gently *div.* *mf* *nb* *mf*

Orchestral Repertoire

These excerpts are included in this book to allow students to combine all aspects of ensemble playing, as well as become familiar with these renowned works.

62 ORCHESTRAL REPERTOIRE: Symphony No. 6 Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)
Arranged by Bob Phillips (ASCAP)

Andante

Modulation

265 MODULATION: PARALLEL MAJOR TO MINOR

Chris M. Bernotas (ASCAP)



Modulation

These exercises will help students practice common forms of modulations. Most of these exercises appear twice with the first example in a common string key and the second in a common wind key.

Percussion

Percussion parts are provided for battery instruments, accessories, mallets, and timpani, offering the percussion section an opportunity to perform as members of the ensemble with parts integrated into every exercise in the book.

35 RHYTHMIC SUBDIVISION



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6 SCALE PATTERN



Open Strings Versus Fourth Fingers in the String Parts

Due to the varied difficulty of the exercises in these books, there are a number of optional fourth finger options included for violin and viola so directors will be able to customize the exercises to their ensemble's ability level.

String Shifting and Fingerings

In an effort to make this book accessible to a wide range of students, only a limited number of exercises and chorales require shifting. This allows developing ensembles to perform the exercises and chorales in first position (except for the string bass), and more experienced ensembles to perform the exercises and chorales in alternate positions.

103 ORCHESTRAL REPERTOIRE: Symphony No. 5

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)
Arranged by Bob Phillips (ASCAP)



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Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)
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Divisi Wind Parts

Where appropriate, some of the woodwind and brass lines have multiple (divisi) notes to provide parts for additional players or players of different ability levels.



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Sound Innovations Books 1 and 2

The simple, structured approach to teaching and learning is perfect for beginning musicians.

- Meets state and national music education standards
- Concepts are isolated and taught individually for better retention
- Numerous ensemble-playing and performance opportunities
- Includes access to accompanying SI Online media



Creative Warm-Ups and Sound Development

Highlighted by exercises that help improve tone and technique, these books are an integral part of SI but can also be used with any method or to supplement performance music.

- For intermediate and advanced players
- Covers tone, bowings, intonation, shifting, scales, rhythm, arpeggios, and chorales
- Includes access to accompanying SI Online media



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Ensemble Development for String or Full Orchestra

- Warm-up exercises and chorales to improve blend, balance, intonation, phrasing, and articulation
- For intermediate through advanced string orchestra alone, full orchestra, or string orchestra with any combination of wind and percussion players
- 270 exercises including Bach chorales, original chorales, and settings of orchestral repertoire

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