

Trumpet Solo Class Lecture #21

“Long-Term Preparation”

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- Establish your long-term goals (recital/jury/convocation).
- Determine the time frame for preparation.
- Evaluate the skills that are necessary for the performance.
- Evaluate your current skill level.
- List/prioritize the elements of your playing that should be addressed each day.
- Plan how you will reinforce/develop each of these skills.
- Plan your work and work your plan.
- What do you practice each day?
- Prepare for improvement and success now.
- Avoid reacting to;
 - Difficult performance situations
 - Rehearsal cycles
 - Breaks in your practice routine
 - Getting behind
- Think long term, how will you focus your energy more efficiently.
- How will you deal with breaks from a regular academic schedule?