

Memorizing Music

1. Find a piece of music you like

- learn to play it as nearly perfectly as possible
- become familiar enough with the piece that memorization starts naturally

2. Start memorizing short sections

- break the piece into sections that flow well together, not random sections
- add a section when you feel confident of the previous section
- play with the music in front of you, but don't look at it
- play with a certain portion of it in front of you, but not the whole piece
- set the music aside
- see the music in your head
- hear how it is supposed to sound
- feel where your hands and fingers will move next

3. Reviewing over and over

- after memorizing, occasionally playing from written music for review
- play at least once a day to keep it fresh

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- I. Before memorizing
 - A. Finding a piece of music
 - B. Learning to play it
 - C. Becoming thoroughly familiar with it
- II. Memorizing
 - A. Planning ahead
 - B. Breaking it up
 - C. Getting away from the written music
 - D. Seeing, hearing, and feeling the music in your head
- III. After memorizing
 - A. Reviewing without written music
 - B. Reviewing with written music occasionally