



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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KNOXVILLE

AUDITION ADVICE

Preparation: **Practice slowly**, with a metronome.

After a few slow passes through the excerpts, start to play faster: 1/2 tempo, 3/4 tempo, then full tempo. Practice at speeds slower and faster than the tempi indicated.

Keep listening, carefully, to your **intonation** during all practice sessions. Work with a tuner at all times. A strong command of excellent intonation is essential.

Pay attention to all **details** in the music. Be careful to observe accents, dynamics, accidentals, written instructions, and other musical aspects notated on the music. Knowledge of additional performance practices and traditions are important as well. Play musically once technique is established.

Contact your UT applied professor for a lesson, depending on their availability during the summer.

Recordings: **Listen to at least three different recordings of your audition repertoire.** Listening to recordings is a necessary step in preparation for an audition.

In addition to popular portals like YouTube, iTunes, Spotify, etc., you can access **Music Online** or **Naxos Library** through the Music Library website.

Use your Net ID/password to access it:
<http://www.lib.utk.edu/music>