

How to Learn a Piece more Efficiently

The kitchen clean-up story

Moral of the story: Break it down into manageable tasks

Introducing the piece

skill set

building blocks (themes, patterns)

key familiarity

handshapes

fingering principals

eye training

exercises based on the piece

identify difficulties, provide plan of attack

architecture- change and repetition

Working the piece

practice solutions, our magic bag of tricks

making tasks smaller and smaller

why they make their mistakes

Angie Smart

Intermediate steps or precursors

Lynn Harell

Interpretive analogies and metaphors

Sequence:

SKILL SET

TASKS

SOLUTIONS

Andre Previn In Prepetual Motion

Nicolo Podgornov Die Glockenblumen

Mozart Dummer Pobel Variations

McDowell Czardas

Prokofiev Young Juliette

Prokofiev Harp Prelude

Bach C major Prelude, Kuhnau Prelude in G

~Vera Parkin, 10/3/14