
5 STEPS ON

HOW TO BECOME A

GREAT MUSICIAN

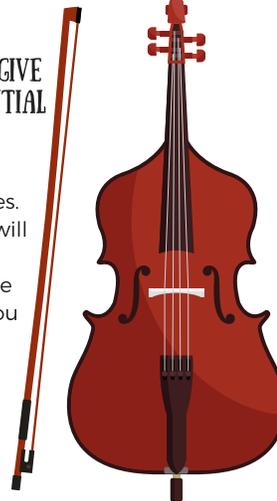
(HINT: IT'S MORE THAN JUST PRACTICING!)

1. BE AROUND PEOPLE BETTER THAN YOU.

You are who you hang with. Surround yourself with people that challenge you to step up your musicianship to a higher level. Seek driven people who are on a similar path and who bring out the best in you. Avoid people that always leave you feeling defeated.

2. MENTORS, TEACHERS, & PROFESSORS THAT GIVE YOU THE MOST CRITIQUE SEE EXTREME POTENTIAL IN YOU.

Accept criticism. We only grow by making mistakes. Music is a lifelong journey and as a musician, you will work tirelessly to hone your craft throughout your career. If all you receive is praise, you will stay at the same level forever. Seek out those that will give you the critique you need to grow.



3. ENVISION YOUR LONG TERM GOALS, BUT CELEBRATE SMALL

Recording an album, preparing a recital, studying for an exam...these are long term goals and important benchmarks in our musical careers. Don't forget to celebrate all the small wins that add up to the large goal.

4. SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW. FOR FREE.

Actively practicing gratitude is proven to enrich everyone's life. You can do this by giving back, "paying it forward." Teach and tutor what you know. Help out a classmate who is struggling. Teach a child a song. Answer music questions on social media. Give your students a free "masterclass." Put on an event for an assisted-living facility. You will reap rewards for what you put out there.

5. MINDFUL PRACTICING MEANS BEING UNCOMFORTABLE

This is a crucial point where most quit. You must be willing to do the arduous, laborious, and often boring, work. You have to be able to sit through the pain of being uncomfortable (this is called having "grit")...what is painful for you? Scales, slow reading, technique, learning something new? Not every step of musicianship is fun. Stay committed during the working-process and if you can find ways to make your working-process tolerable, maybe even enjoyable, then you are on your way to becoming a great musician.





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ORGANIZING MY GOALS THIS TERM

IDEAS

LIVE MUSIC EVENTS I WANT TO ATTEND

MY STRENGTHS...(I'M GOOD AT..)

MY WEAKNESSES...(I NEED TO WORK ON..)

MY FAVORITE TOPICS FOR FURTHER INQUIRY

MY EXERCISE & SELF GROWTH PRACTICES

MY UPCOMING PERFORMANCES..

MY ONE MONTH GOALS..

MY TWO MONTH GOALS..

MY THREE MONTH GOALS..

MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE LAST 3 MONTHS..

REPERTOIRE LIST...READY FOR THE STAGE OR STUDIO..