

Smart Practice Tips:

You are in training to develop skills that are physical and musical.

Everyone should practice “long tones” and scales daily.

Use a mirror to ensure a good embouchure.

Proper embouchure development is critical to having a good tone.

Proper embouchure development is critical to having good tonguing.

Listen to a lot of good music by good players so you know what to sound like.

Set musical goals for yourself... write them down.

Use a pencil and write comments on your music.

Practice regularly.

A two hour practice session once a week is not as effective as several thirty minute sessions spread throughout the week.

Practice with a positive attitude. It may be difficult at times, but when you are patient, persistent, and positive you will eventually reach your goal.

Practice with your metronome.

Always start with a tempo that you can play it well and work it gradually to the correct tempo.

Always use good posture.

Using good posture will help you get the biggest and best sound possible.

When you run into trouble with something and you need direction, ask me.

Practice in a quiet room free of distractions... and away from the TV.

Practice smart.

Progress is intentional.