

<p><b>A</b> <b>LEARN THE NOTES, FINGERING AND COUNTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Find the starting notes and hand and finger positions.</li> <li>✓ Look for similar or identical patterns in the music and mark them in pencil.</li> <li>✓ Learn the easier sections first</li> <li>✓ <b>Work on one or two bar sections at a time:</b></li> <li>✓ Learn to play one hand and count it or sing-count it.</li> <li>✓ Add the other hand and count out loud.</li> <li>✓ When the section is a lot easier, move to the next section..</li> </ul>	<p><b>B</b> <b>PERFECT THE COUNTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Write in the counting in PENCIL</li> <li>✓ Count a section out loud without playing – while watching the music.</li> <li>✓ Play one hand while counting. Get it very solid. Add the other hand.</li> <li>✓ Play with the metronome at a slow speed. Gradually increase the tempo.</li> </ul>
<p><b>C</b> <b>WORK ON PRHASING AND ARTICULATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Watch all the markings.</li> <li>✓ Is everything legato?</li> <li>✓ Where are the phrase marks?</li> <li>✓ Where are the staccatti?</li> <li>✓ Do the phrasing and articulation change the feel of the music?</li> </ul>	<p><b>D</b> <b>INCREASE THE TEMPO TO PERFORMANCE SPEED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Practice with the metronome.</li> <li>✓ Increase your speed 8 BPM each time you improve.</li> <li>✓ Decrease your speed 4 BPM if you can't play it perfectly at that speed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>E</b> <b>MEMORIZE YOUR PIECE OR SONG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ starting with one or two measures – than add to this each day.</li> <li>✓ Work this out in small sections, usually one or two bars long.</li> <li>✓ Repeat each section several times until you feel you have it memorized.</li> <li>✓ Practice starting from different sections, instead of just the beginning.</li> <li>✓ Learn to “play through” any mistakes – keep the beat going and focus on what is happening now.</li> </ul>	<p><b>F</b> <b>PERFORM IT!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ for your family and friends.</li> <li>✓ for group lesson classes</li> <li>✓ for an adjudication or recital</li> <li>✓ for your school, church, synagogue, etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>G</b> <b>ADD THIS TO YOUR REPETOIRE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Play the piece (or song) at least three times per week to keep it memorized.</li> <li>✓ Now you can play this whenever and wherever you like – from memory!</li> </ul>	