MINI FLUTE SPA

"Maintenance Practice for Those with NO Time" Patricia George

RELAX: Stretching: Stretching by Bob Anderson

One nostril breathing

Prevention: Alignment, keep moving, exercise, diet, studio lighting, great shoes

HEADJOINT OCTAVES: Slurring, vibrato, tonguing in chunks

RUN THE G - G2, A2, B2, C3, third partial harmonics of G1, A1, B1, C2 to produce a left handed G major scale. Place the right hand on the barrel. Use vibrato variations (02320, 0234320 etc.).

BALANCING THE FLUTE

Trill pairings: Back foot: F to G Front foot: G to A E to F A to B D to E B to C

ROUND OF SCALES: Vary rhythms, articulation patterns, vibrato, speed

FIVE NOTE PATTERNS

Start at the top: G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3

Repeat one-half step lower until you reach C1

Also play lower ones: D1, Eb1, E, F and F# at the third partial.

ROTATIONS: At least 8 counts of 4 sixteenths in chunks

Use thirds, sixths, arpeggios and seventh chords and harmonics at the third partial

PRELUDING: for your creativity

The Art of the Prelude by Gariboldi (Southern Music Company)

24 Exercises, Caprices and Preludes, Op. 125 and 26 Exercises, Op. 107 by Furstenau (Peters)

MONTHLY ROTATION OF REPERTOIRE

Etudes: Berbiguier, Hugues, Altes, Andersen, Casterede, Karg-Elert, Paganini Baroque/Classic works by: J. S. Bach, K.P.E. Bach, Telemann, Mozart

Romantic works of: Schubert, Reinecke, Romantic Flute Virtuosos Vol. 1 &

French Conservatory Favorites Contemporary Sonatas and Concerti

Orchestral Excerpts

SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY

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