## **Bass Trombone**

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## Selection 1

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Key:

Etude Title: No. 40

Tempo: Quarter Note = 74-84 **Play from Beginning to end.** 

**Errata:**None

### Performance Guide:

There are several things that pretty much every Blazhevich etude has in common with every other Blazhevich etude - 1) repeating rhythmic patterns, 2) repeating harmonic patterns, 3) diminished 7th chords, 4) a repeat back to the beginning melodic idea and 5) no dynamic markings. This is a typical Blazhevich etude. You will need to use a metronome and start at a tempo that will allow you to play continuously without stumbling. As you go faster make sure that your slide and tongue are coordinated for a clean articulation and fat tone. Short and pecky articulation will not work on this etude even when you go faster. A standard rule on bass trombone is "the lower it goes, the louder you get". This will work well when playing scalar runs that go into the pedal range. It will also be important to allow the tongue to have a lower strike point as you play lower. As you work through learning the notes, listen to the melodic lines and find places to add your own crescendos and decrescendos. Mark them in lightly with a pencil just in case you hear things differently laster on. Using the Gb valve by itself will make performing this etude much easier.

# Selection 2

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Etude Title: No. 34

Tempo: Dotted Quarter Note = 60-68

Play from Beginning to end.

#### Errata:

m. 51 - slur the triplet notes. Start a new slur on the dotted 1/8 note that only slurs the dotted 1/8 note to the 1/16 note.

#### Performance Guide:

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## Selection 3

Page(s): 10

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Etude Title: No. 11

Tempo: Quarter Note = 96-106 **Play from Beginning to end.** 

Errata:

Add slur from last note of 15 (A) to the first note of 16 (A#)

#### Performance Guide:

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