# Music For All Southeastern Regional Concert Festival

at Georgia State University Woodwind Clinic

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#### **♦** Tone

- **E**mbouchure
- ♦ **A**ir/Breathing
- **♦** Tongue
- Set Up
  - MP
  - Reeds
  - Ligature
  - Instrument

#### **♦** Technique

- Scales and Arpeggios of all Types
  - Major
  - Minor
  - Jazz Scales
  - Modes

#### **♦** Rhythm

- You must study rhythm and understand how to figure out new ones
- ♦ It is important to know the relationships of notes

## **▶** Phrasing/Musicality

- Coloring Book
- Dynamics
- Phrasing
- Tension & Release

#### **♦** Literature

- Method Books
- Band/Orchestra Literature
- Solos & Ensembles
- Sonatas
- Concertos

#### **▶** Practicing

- Additive Practice
  - ♦ Slow to Fast
  - Looping
- Use a Metronome
- Amateurs practice until they can get it. Pros practice until they can't miss it.

Sight Reading

# Sight Reading Consists of Multiple Simultaneous Skills

- Reading Rhythms
- Reading Notes
- Producing a Tone
- Reading Articulations
- Playing Dynamics
- Producing Style

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Rhythm! RHYTHM!

• The most important aspect of sight reading is rhythm.

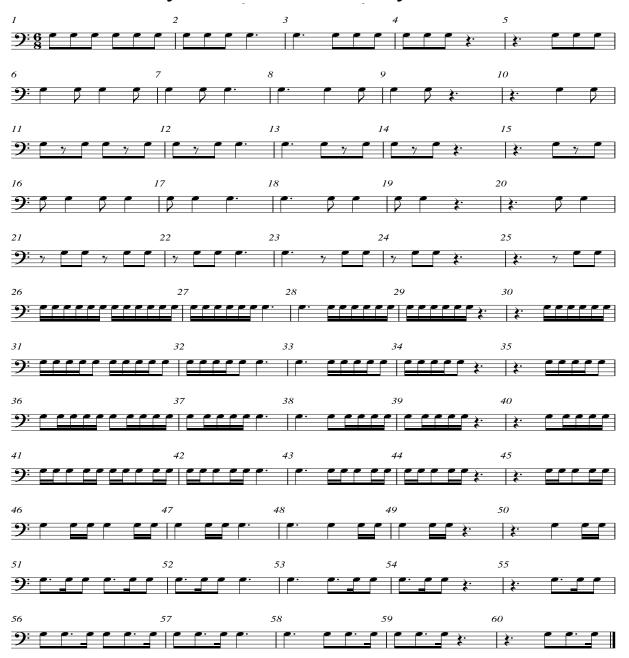
#### H. E. Nutt's Rhythm Sheet



#### 16th Note Rhythm Sheet

KFB 9/16/83 Revised 01/04/02

#### Kenny Beard's 6/8 Rhythm Sheet



# Rhythm Sequence of Study

- ☐ Clap & Subdivide
- ☐ Count Rhythms
  - Count the Number Where the Note is
  - Whisper Rests
- ☐ Tah the Rhythm
- ☐ Play the Rhythm on a Pitch
- ☐ Finger Tongue & Blow (Air Band)

# Tricky Rhythms

- ✓ Two Foot Pat Patterns
  - ✓ Dotted Quarter Notes
  - ✓ Syncopation
  - ✓ Half Notes
- ✓ Rests
- ✓ Ties

# Three Rules Of Sight Reading

- 1. Never Stop
- 2. Rhythm Comes First
- 3. Play One Dynamic Louder Than You Think You Should

# Sight Reading Hierarchy

- > Rhythm
- > Notes
- > Tone
- > Articulations
- Dynamics
- > Style

# \* STARS \*

- ♦S Signatures (Key & Time)
- ♦T Tempo Markings
- ♦ A Accidentals
- ♦ R Rhythms (Look For Tricky Rhythms)
- ♦S Signs & Style Markings
  - ♦ (Dynamics, Articulations, Road Signs)

# All State Sight Reading Thoughts

- Very Few Play Stylistically
- Very Few Perform Articulation Patterns Correctly
- A Slight Few Play The Correct Dynamics
- Many Have Trouble Keeping The Pulse
- Many Don't Subdivide (16<sup>th</sup>'s For Example)
- Students Often Miss 2 Foot Pat Patterns
- Unfortunately Some Do Not Have A Characteristic Tone

# Articulation Patterns

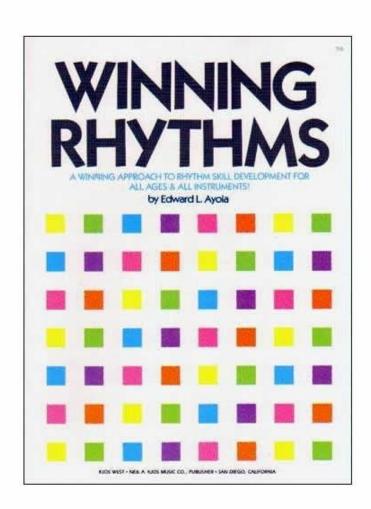
Two Ways To Understand



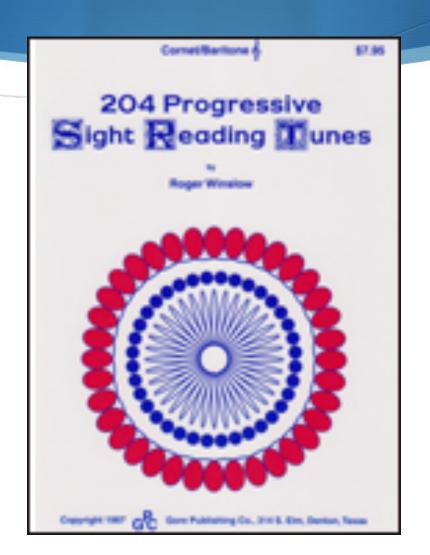




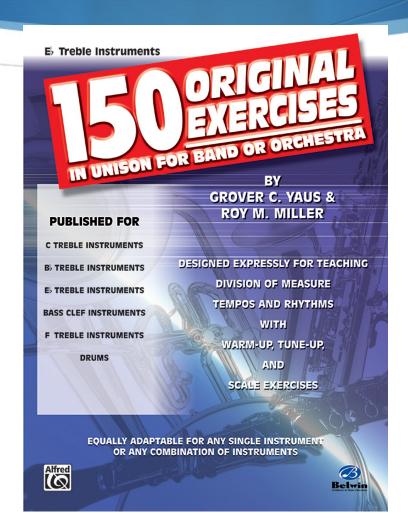
# Winning Rhythms By Edward L. Ayola



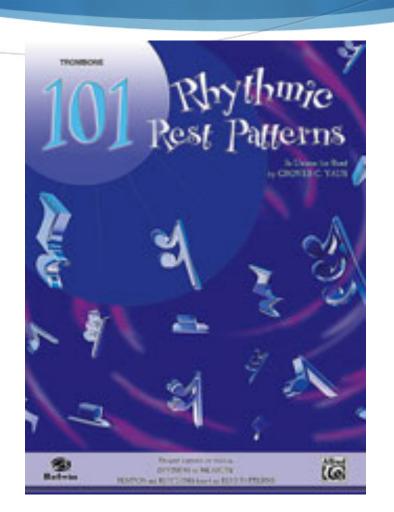
# 204 Progressive Sight Reading Tunes By Roger Winslow



# 150 Original Exercises By Grover C. Yaus & Roy M. Miller

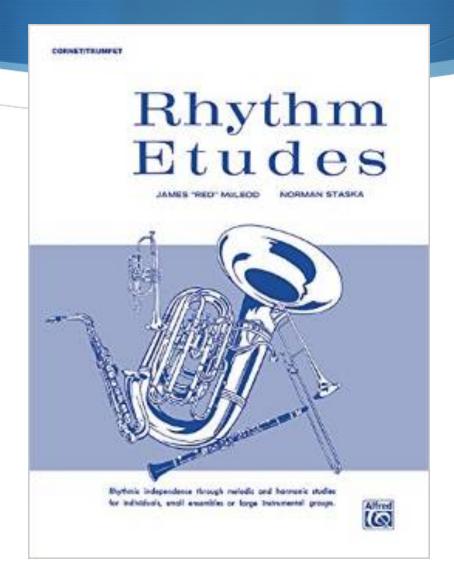


# 101 Rhythmic Rest Patterns By Grover C. Yaus



#### Rhythm Etudes

By James "Red" McLeod & Norman Staska



#### Other Resources

- www.banddaddy.com
- www.sightreadingfactory.com
- www.sonicfit.com

# Things For You To Do

To Improve Your Sight Reading Skills

- ◆ Practice Sight Reading Every Day
- Make Sight Reading A Game
- Do Not Ask Your Teacher How It Goes

# Things For You To Do

To Improve Your Sight Reading Teaching Skills

- ◆ Enjoy Sight Reading:
  - Making a mistake is normal don't be afraid to make a mistake.
  - Keep going when you make a mistake.
  - Make gorgeous mistakes.
  - Make SR a game.

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Thanks For Attending Today