



# Organizing and Practicing Orchestral Repertoire

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## Organizing Your Orchestral Practice

- Choose a work to study—what big orchestral works do you have coming up in the future? Or what have you always wanted to learn?
- Find sheet music—[www.imslp.org](http://www.imslp.org) is a great free resource
- Find a quality recording by a professional orchestra to play along with
  - Be sure to use high quality headphones
  - Find a way to alter the tempo—try the Amazing Slow Downer app
  - But don't forget about solo slow practice!

## Organizing Excerpts and Orchestral Sheet Music

- It's never too early to start your library!
- Transfer fingerings and bowings you like from your rehearsal part to your personal collection so you can reference it in the future
- As you learn excerpts listen to at least 3 recordings of each—pay attention to variations in tempo, phrasing, and style so you can develop your own ideas

### **Resources:**

[International Music Score Library Project](#)

Amazing Slow Downer App ([iOS App](#))

[Orchestra Excerpts](#) Website

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