

Perform a tune with my friends for a small audience – for all woodwind and brass instruments

Performing to an audience can be nerve wracking for many people, but following these steps below, will hopefully enable you to give a confident and well-practiced performance alongside your friends.

The Practice!



Make sure that you choose a piece that you all feel confident with. It could be a solo piece that you have all been working on separately, or challenge yourselves to do a duet or trio (a piece that has 2 or 3 different parts).



You can practice your piece on your own first, making sure that you focus on the following points;

- Correct notes
- Correct rhythms
- Counting any rests very carefully

The group practice!



It is also really important to practice as a group, as much as you can.

Together you can then work on different things that you are unable to do when practicing on your own. These things include;

- Everyone playing at the same tempo
- Deciding who is going to count you in and bring you off at the end, and how will you do this (a big breath at the beginning or counting a full bar?)

- Everyone playing the correct dynamics and making sure that the sound is balanced and you can't hear one person more than the others.
- Practice the piece all the way through with no stopping, no matter what happens!!



When you practice together, make sure you have a note book and pencil with you, to write down anything you think you can practice at home. This will make sure you won't forget those points.

Performing!



When you come to perform your chosen piece, make sure you have enough stands. Some people can share but some may want their own stand.



One of the points above stated, when you come to perform, try not to stop no matter what happens. If you get lost, see if you can pick up and the next bar/line.



When the audience clap at the end, make sure you take a big bow!!