

CHORAL WARM-UP EXERCISES

Quick Overview

Each exercise is shown in beginning key and suggested ending key.

It is preferable for the instructor to sing the exercise in tempo for the choir before they sing it.

If the CD accompaniment is being used, the recorded introduction is the vocal line of the exercise.

The thumbnail sketches are provided for use by the conductor to sing the initial introduction to the choir, as well as quick reference in planning the warm-up.

1. Legato; Line

$\text{♩} = 112$

Noo noo noo noo noo _____

Noo noo noo noo noo _____

2. Repeated tone with crescendo and decrescendo

$\text{♩} = 100$

Noo noo noo noo noo _____

Noo noo noo noo noo _____

3. Maintain SHF (Spacious, High, and Forward) in Low register

$\text{♩} = 60$

Noo noo noo _____

Noo noo noo _____

4. Legato at Slow tempo

$\text{♩} = 66$

Noo noo noo noo noo noo boo

Noo noo noo noo noo noo noo

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5. Singing on the breath through moving eighth notes

$\text{♩} = 66$

Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee
Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee

6. Register consistency with downward leaps

$\text{♩} = 94$

Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee
Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee

7. Range extension downward (Descends chromatically)

$\text{♩} = 70$

Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee
Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee

8. Range extension downward (Descends Chromatically)

$\text{♩} = 60$

Dee dee dee dee dee dee
Dee dee dee dee dee dee

9. Range extension upward and maintaining on-the-breath singing

$\text{♩} = 65$

Nee voo nee voo nee voo nee voo nee voo nee voo
Nee voo nee voo nee voo

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10. Creating space for ascending line

$\text{♩} = 92$

Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee
Dee dee dee dee dee dee dee

11. Martellato

$\text{♩} = 124$

Dee dee dee dee
Dee dee dee dee

12. Marcato; Upward leaps on the breath

$\text{♩} = 120$

Dee doh dee doh
Dee doh dee doh

13. Upward leaps on the breath, with line; Listening

$\text{♩} = 86$

Dee doh dee doh
Dee doh dee doh

14. Range extension upward

$\text{♩} = 88$

Dee dee dee dee
Doh
Dee dee dee dee

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15. Range consistency with upward and downward leaps

J = 70

Nee nee nee voo... nee
Nee nee nee voo... nee

16. Upward leaps on the breath; with line

J = 96

Nee voo nee voo
Nee voo nee voo nee voo
Nee voo nee voo nee
Nee voo nee voo noo
Nee voo nee voo
Nee voo nee voo noo

17. Making space on upward leap; Vowel modification

J = 64

Nee noh nee
Nee noh nee

18. Range extension

J = 90

Dee dee doh
Dee dee doh

19. Martellato

J = 116

Dee doh dee doh
Dee doh dee doh
Dee dee dee dee