

Five Orchestral Etudes for Tuba

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It is assumed the performer is already familiar with these works in terms of typical tempi, orchestration, style, etc. The etudes are more challenging than the actual part and are a great workout to further engage with these excerpts or to prepare for a performance or audition.

1. **Berlioz** – Symphonie Fantastique (Fantastic Fun)
2. **Berlioz** - Le Corsaire (Berlioz High)
3. **Berlioz** - Hungarian March (Berlirhym)
4. **Bruckner** – Symphony No. 7 (Extreme Bruckner)
5. **Hindemith** – Symphonic Metamorphosis (Paul's Metamorphosis)
6. **Mahler** – Symphony No. 5 (Fifth of Mahler)
7. **Prokofiev** – Symphony No. 5 (Low Pro)
8. **Respighi** – Fountains of Rome (Fountains of Breath)
9. **Revueltas** – Sensemaya (Snake Dance)
10. **Wagner** – Prelude to Act III of Lohengrin (Lohendrill)
11. **Wagner** - Meistersinger Overture (Drill Meisters)
12. **Wagner** - Ride of the Valkyries (Drill Ride)

These etudes are based on some of the more challenging excerpts in the tuba orchestral repertoire. It is assumed that the player already has a basic familiarity with the original excerpts and the works they are drawn from. The etudes are for the most part more challenging than the excerpts. They offer different ways of approaching this music and adding variety to one's practice routine. It is hoped that by practicing and mastering these etudes, the excerpts themselves will become less daunting and easier to perform.

12 ORCHESTRAL ETUDES

for

TUBA

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1. Fantastic Fun

Symphonie Fantastique - March to the Scaffold

Mov. 4

Allegretto non troppo $\text{J} = 72$

The sheet music consists of 12 staves of musical notation for tuba. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The tempo is Allegretto non troppo, with a tempo marking of $\text{J} = 72$. The dynamics and performance instructions include:

- Staff 1: Dynamics: p , dynamic markings above staff, mf , f , f .
- Staff 2: Dynamics: p .
- Staff 3: Dynamics: f , mf , f .
- Staff 4: Dynamics: f .
- Staff 5: Dynamics: f .
- Staff 6: Dynamics: mf , f .
- Staff 7: Dynamics: f .
- Staff 8: Dynamics: f .
- Staff 9: Dynamics: mf , f .
- Staff 10: Dynamics: ff .
- Staff 11: Dynamics: ff .
- Staff 12: Dynamics: ff .

4. Extreme Bruckner

Symphony No. 7

Allegro moderato ($\text{♩} = 100$)

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The musical score consists of four staves of bass clef (Tuba) music. Staff 1: Starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Includes grace notes and a melodic line. Dynamic: *mf*. Staff 2: Starts with a sharp note followed by eighth-note pairs. Dynamic: *ff*. Staff 3: Continues the eighth-note pairs with a sharp note. Staff 4: Starts with a sharp note followed by eighth-note pairs. Dynamic: *f*, then *ff*.

A Fifth of Mahler

Symphony No. 5 - Mov. 1

Adagio

The musical score consists of six staves of tuba music.

Adagio Section:

- Staff 1: Dynamics p , mf , f .
- Staff 2: Dynamics p .
- Staff 3: Dynamics f , sfs .
- Staff 4: Dynamics sfs , pp , sfs , sfs , f , pp .
- Staff 5: Dynamics sfs , pp .
- Staff 6: Dynamics pp .

Allegro Section:

- Staff 1: Dynamics p , f , p .
- Staff 2: Dynamics f , p , f , p , f , p , f .
- Staff 3: Dynamics p , f , p , f , p , f .
- Staff 4: Dynamics p , f , p , f , p , f .
- Staff 5: Dynamics p , f , p , f , p , f .
- Staff 6: Dynamics p , f , p , f , p , f .

7. Low Pro

Andante ♩ = 72

Symphony No. 5

Musical score for tuba, first system. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature starts at 3/4. The dynamic is *p*. The melody consists of eighth-note patterns, with a melodic line marked by a curved brace. The time signature changes to 4/4 at the end. The dynamic changes to *mf*.

Musical score for tuba, second system. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The dynamic is *mp*. The melody consists of eighth-note patterns.

Musical score for tuba, third system. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of eighth-note patterns.

9. Snake Dance

Sensemaya

(2+2+3) $\text{♩} = 92-100$

The musical score consists of four staves of tuba music. Staff 1 starts with a dynamic of *pp*, followed by a measure of eighth-note pairs. Staff 2 starts with *pp*, followed by a measure of eighth-note pairs, then a dynamic of *mf*, and a measure of eighth-note pairs. Staff 3 starts with a dynamic of *mf*, followed by a measure of eighth-note pairs, then a dynamic of *p*, and a measure of eighth-note pairs. Staff 4 starts with a dynamic of *f*, followed by a measure of eighth-note pairs, then a dynamic of *p*, and a measure of eighth-note pairs.

12. Drill Ride

Lebhaft
Animato

Ride of the Valkyries



Musical score for tuba, page 28, etude 12. The score consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts with a dynamic of *f-ff*. The subsequent staves show various rhythmic patterns and dynamics.



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The image displays three staves of musical notation for tuba, arranged vertically. Each staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of four sharps, and a common time signature. The first staff consists of eight measures, each containing a sixteenth-note pattern followed by a eighth-note. The second staff also has eight measures, featuring a sixteenth-note pattern followed by a sixteenth-note tied to an eighth-note. The third staff contains eight measures, with a sixteenth-note pattern followed by a eighth-note. The notation uses vertical bar lines to separate measures and includes various rests and note heads.