

Progressive Balancing in Staccato

Advanced Progressive Technical Exercises

Tuba

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Foreword (English)

This “Progressive Balancing in Staccato – Advanced Progressive Technical Exercises” is entirely dedicated to the study of staccato.

This method is composed of a first part in major keys and a second part in minor keys, each of which is further divided into regular and reverse modes. First and foremost, it gives brass players — whether professionals or students — the opportunity to improve speed, precision, and staccato technique by gradually balancing the embouchure and developing attacks, staccato articulation, octaves, register, control, accuracy, and technical speed.

It is recommended to begin at a comfortable metronome speed (75–80) and then gradually increase the tempo to the maximum achievable speed in order to progressively develop these advanced technical exercises.

Dynamics have intentionally been omitted, since in this context they do not play as significant a role as they usually do in music and repertoire. However, it is recommended to practice these exercises using dynamics ranging from *mf* (*mezzo forte*) to *f* (*forte*), or from *mp* (*mezzo piano*) to a solid *mf* (*mezzo forte*).

The performer is left completely free to choose the type of staccato articulation. It is nevertheless recommended to vary it from day to day, for example by practicing single staccato on the first day, double staccato on the following day, and triple staccato on the third day, before returning again to single staccato, and so on.

In addition, the performer may choose to alternate major and minor keys every other day, or to practice only the regular mode one day and the reverse mode the next, entirely at the player’s discretion.

Angelo Piazzini

Prefazione (Italiano)

Questo “Progressive Balancing in Staccato – Advanced Progressive Technical Exercises” è interamente dedicato allo studio dello staccato.

Questo metodo è composto da una prima parte in tonalità maggiori e da una seconda parte in tonalità minori, entrambe ulteriormente suddivise in modalità regolare e inversa. Esso offre innanzitutto agli ottonisti — professionisti o studenti — la possibilità di migliorare velocità, precisione e tecnica dello staccato attraverso un progressivo equilibrio dell’imboccatura, sviluppando attacchi, articolazione dello staccato, ottave, registro, controllo, precisione e velocità tecnica.

Si raccomanda di iniziare con una velocità di metronomo confortevole (75–80) e di aumentare gradualmente il tempo fino alla massima velocità raggiungibile, al fine di sviluppare progressivamente questi esercizi tecnici avanzati.

Le dinamiche sono state volutamente omesse, poiché in questo contesto non rivestono un ruolo importante quanto quello che normalmente assumono nella musica e nel repertorio. Si consiglia tuttavia di affrontare questi esercizi utilizzando dinamiche comprese tra *mf* (*mezzo forte*) e *f* (*forte*), oppure tra *mp* (*mezzo piano*) e un solido *mf* (*mezzo forte*).

L’esecutore è completamente libero di scegliere il tipo di articolazione dello staccato. Si suggerisce tuttavia di variarlo giorno per giorno, ad esempio utilizzando lo staccato semplice il primo giorno, il doppio staccato il giorno successivo e il triplo staccato il terzo giorno, tornando poi allo staccato semplice, e così via.

Inoltre, l’esecutore potrà scegliere di alternare le tonalità maggiori e minori a giorni alterni, oppure di praticare un giorno soltanto la modalità regolare e il giorno seguente quella inversa, secondo la completa discrezione del musicista.

Angelo Piazzini

Préface (Français)

Cette « Progressive Balancing in Staccato – Advanced Progressive Technical Exercises » est entièrement consacrée à l'étude du staccato.

Cette méthode est composée d'une première partie en tonalités majeures et d'une seconde partie en tonalités mineures, chacune étant ensuite divisée en modes régulier et inversé. Elle offre avant tout aux instrumentistes de la famille des cuivres — professionnels comme étudiants — la possibilité d'améliorer leur vitesse, leur précision et leur technique du staccato grâce à un équilibrage progressif de l'embouchure, développant ainsi les attaques, l'articulation du staccato, les octaves, le registre, le contrôle, la précision et la vitesse technique.

Il est recommandé de commencer à une vitesse de métronome confortable (75–80), puis d'augmenter progressivement le tempo jusqu'à la vitesse maximale atteignable afin de développer progressivement ces exercices techniques avancés.

Les nuances ont volontairement été omises, car dans ce contexte elles ne jouent pas un rôle aussi important que dans la musique et le répertoire traditionnels. Il est toutefois conseillé de travailler ces exercices avec des nuances allant du mf (mezzo forte) au f (forte), ou du mp (mezzo piano) à un mf bien soutenu.

L'interprète est entièrement libre de choisir le type d'articulation du staccato. Il est néanmoins conseillé de le varier d'un jour à l'autre, par exemple en travaillant le simple coup de langue le premier jour, le double coup de langue le lendemain, puis le triple coup de langue le troisième jour, avant de revenir au simple staccato, et ainsi de suite.

De plus, l'interprète pourra choisir d'alterner les tonalités majeures et mineures un jour sur deux, ou encore de travailler uniquement le mode régulier un jour puis le mode inversé le lendemain, selon son entière discrétion.

Angelo Piazzini

Vorwort (Deutsch)

Dieses „Progressive Balancing in Staccato – Advanced Progressive Technical Exercises“ ist vollständig dem Studium des Staccatos gewidmet.

Die Methode besteht aus einem ersten Teil in Durtonarten und einem zweiten Teil in Molltonarten, die jeweils wiederum in reguläre und umgekehrte Formen unterteilt sind. Sie bietet Blechbläsern — sowohl professionellen Musikern als auch Studierenden — die Möglichkeit, Geschwindigkeit, Präzision und Staccato-Technik zu verbessern, indem Ansatz, Attacken, Staccato-Artikulation, Oktaven, Register, Kontrolle, Genauigkeit und technische Geschwindigkeit schrittweise entwickelt werden.

Es wird empfohlen, mit einem angenehmen Metronomtempo (75–80) zu beginnen und das Tempo anschließend schrittweise bis zur maximal erreichbaren Geschwindigkeit zu steigern, um diese fortgeschrittenen technischen Übungen progressiv zu entwickeln.

Dynamikangaben wurden bewusst weggelassen, da sie in diesem Zusammenhang keine so bedeutende Rolle spielen wie gewöhnlich in Musik und Repertoire. Dennoch wird empfohlen, diese Übungen mit Dynamiken zwischen mf (Mezzoforte) und f (Forte) beziehungsweise zwischen mp (Mezzopiano) und einem kräftigen mf zu spielen.

Dem Ausführenden bleibt die Wahl der Staccato-Artikulation vollständig frei. Es wird jedoch empfohlen, diese täglich zu variieren, beispielsweise am ersten Tag einfaches Staccato, am zweiten Tag Doppelzunge und am dritten Tag Dreifachzunge zu üben, bevor wieder zum einfachen Staccato zurückgekehrt wird.

Darüber hinaus kann der Spieler nach eigenem Ermessen entscheiden, an einem Tag die Durtonarten und am nächsten die Molltonarten zu üben oder einen Tag ausschließlich die reguläre Form und am darauffolgenden Tag die umgekehrte Form zu praktizieren.

Angelo Piazzini



ANGELO PIAZZINI

English:

Angelo Piazzini is an Italian tuba virtuoso, artistic director, and composer from Florence, Italy. After completing his studies, he further specialized with internationally renowned soloists and musicians from prestigious orchestras, including the Teatro alla Scala of Milan.

As one of the few tubists to pursue a true solo career, he has received numerous First Prizes and Special Mentions in national and international competitions. He has performed throughout many European countries and collaborated as Principal Tuba with several Italian orchestras and ensembles.

Alongside his concert career, he has been teaching for more than twenty years at conservatories, music institutes, and private academies. Many of his students now study at conservatories or perform professionally in orchestras.

He currently serves as Executive and Artistic Director, as well as Tuba Professor, at the Brass Lab Academy Italia in Florence.

Author of more than 100 publications in English and Italian, he has written numerous educational methods, arrangements, and transcriptions for brass instruments. His works are currently used in universities and music institutions around the world.

Italiano:

Angelo Piazzini è un virtuoso della tuba, direttore artistico e compositore italiano originario di Firenze. Dopo gli studi, si è perfezionato con solisti internazionali e musicisti provenienti da prestigiose orchestre, tra cui il Teatro alla Scala di Milano.

Tra i pochi tubisti ad aver intrapreso una vera carriera solistica, ha ottenuto numerosi Primi Premi e Menzioni Speciali in concorsi nazionali e internazionali. Si è esibito in molti Paesi europei e ha collaborato come Prima Tuba con diverse orchestre ed ensemble italiani.

Parallelamente all'attività concertistica, insegna da oltre vent'anni presso conservatori, istituti musicali e accademie private. Molti dei suoi allievi studiano oggi nei conservatori o lavorano professionalmente in orchestra.

Attualmente è Direttore Esecutivo e Artistico, nonché docente di tuba, presso la Brass Lab Academy Italia di Firenze.

Autore di oltre 100 pubblicazioni in inglese e italiano, ha scritto numerosi metodi didattici, arrangiamenti e trascrizioni per strumenti a ottone. Le sue opere sono oggi utilizzate presso università e istituti musicali di tutto il mondo.

Français:

Angelo Piazzini est un virtuose du tuba, directeur artistique et compositeur italien originaire de Florence. Après ses études, il s'est perfectionné auprès de solistes internationaux et de musiciens issus d'orchestres prestigieux, notamment du Teatro alla Scala de Milan.

Parmi les rares tubistes à mener une véritable carrière de soliste, il a remporté plusieurs Premiers Prix et Mentions Spéciales dans des concours nationaux et internationaux. Il s'est produit dans de nombreux pays européens et a collaboré comme Tuba Solo avec plusieurs orchestres et ensembles italiens.

Parallèlement à sa carrière de concertiste, il enseigne depuis plus de vingt ans dans des conservatoires, instituts musicaux et académies privées. Plusieurs de ses élèves poursuivent aujourd'hui leurs études dans des conservatoires ou exercent professionnellement en orchestre.

Actuellement, il est Directeur Exécutif et Artistique ainsi que professeur de tuba à la Brass Lab Academy Italia de Florence.

Auteur de plus de 100 publications en anglais et en italien, il a écrit de nombreuses méthodes pédagogiques, arrangements et transcriptions pour cuivres. Ses ouvrages sont aujourd'hui utilisés dans des universités et instituts musicaux à travers le monde.

PART 1

MAJOR-ORDINARY

B♭ Major



A Major



A♭ Major



G Major

Three staves of music in G Major (one sharp, F#) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, each marked with a '3' and a slur. The second staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, also marked with a '3' and a slur. The third staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, marked with a '3' and a slur, followed by a final measure with a whole note and a fermata.

F# Major

Three staves of music in F# Major (three sharps, F#, C#, G#) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, each marked with a '3' and a slur. The second staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, marked with a '3' and a slur. The third staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, marked with a '3' and a slur, followed by a final measure with a whole note and a fermata.

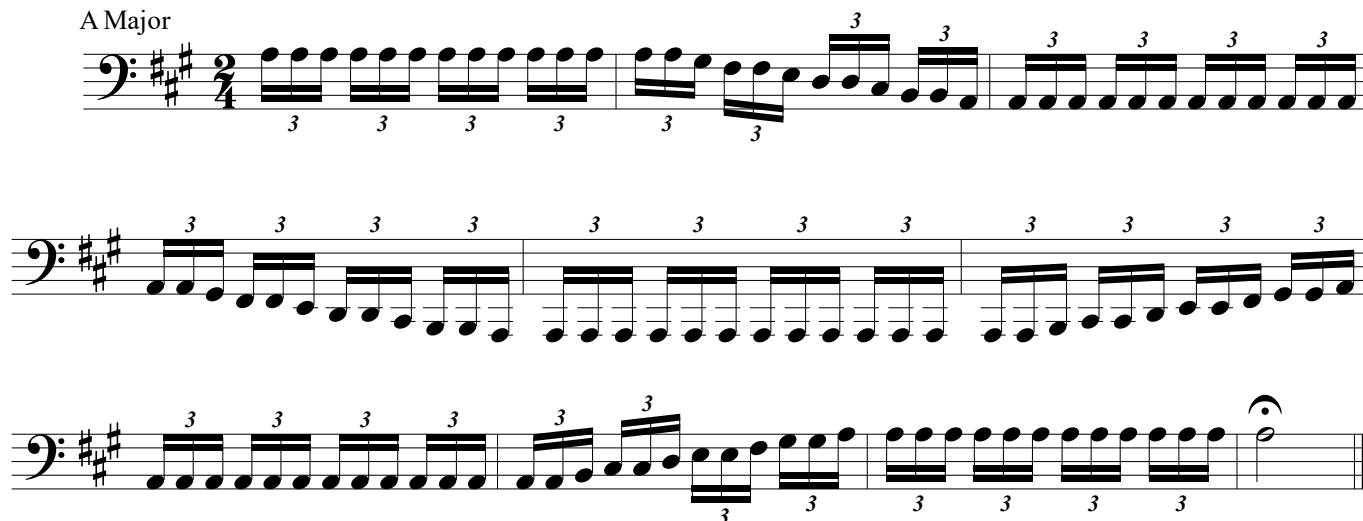
F Major

Three staves of music in F Major (one flat, Bb) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, each marked with a '3' and a slur. The second staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, marked with a '3' and a slur. The third staff contains four measures of eighth-note triplets, marked with a '3' and a slur, followed by a final measure with a whole note and a fermata.

MAJOR-INVERSE

B $\flat$ Major

A Major

A $\flat$ Major

G Major

Three staves of music in G Major (one sharp, F#) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains 12 measures of eighth-note triplets, with the final measure ending in a half note. The second and third staves each contain 12 measures of eighth-note triplets, with the final measure of the third staff ending in a half note.

F# Major

Three staves of music in F# Major (two sharps, F# and C#) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains 12 measures of eighth-note triplets, with the final measure ending in a half note. The second and third staves each contain 12 measures of eighth-note triplets, with the final measure of the third staff ending in a half note.

F Major

Three staves of music in F Major (one flat, Bb) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains 12 measures of eighth-note triplets, with the final measure ending in a half note. The second and third staves each contain 12 measures of eighth-note triplets, with the final measure of the third staff ending in a half note.

PART 2

MINOR-ORDINARY

B $\flat$ Minor

A Minor

A $\flat$ Minor

G Minor



F# Minor



F Minor





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