Advanced Daily Routine

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EAT YOUR VEGGIES, AKA LONG TONES. Sustaining notes is the best way to build a better tone. Use these first notes of the day to focus on creating your best sound on every note. Begin each line with an air attack, no tongue yet and gliss/slur whenever you aren't taking a breath. Stop after each line. Play with a pal or a drone to work on pitch.



SEMPRE SEMPLICE. Remember to TRUST THE AIR and use your ears to guide you through this exercise. Simply focus on creating your most beautiful sound on every note, one note at a time, as easily as possible. Then do it for the next note. And the next note. Simple.



TRUST FALLS (HINT: THE AIR WILL ALWAYS CATCH YOU). Sound starts and stops with the air, not the tongue. Play this exercise beginning and centering each note with an air attack, no tongue whatsoever. Aim to play the notes with a big, full sound!!



ARPEGGIO NOODLES, A SECRET RECIPE FOR HEALTHY AIR FLOW. This tasty exercise is intended to help with sound connection across larger ranges while also working on scales and ease of air flow. Add every octave possible as shown in the example for an added range study. Practice glissed/slurred without tongue, as well as cleanly slurred. Apply your best sound to every note. Play with a pal or a drone to work on pitch.



HAHAHAHAAA, ARTICULATING WITH AIR. Descend chromatically down the 7 positions/fingerings. Practice this exercise with all air attacks, aiming directly at the center of the note. Once this is mastered, the tongue is allowed back in and you can practice this exercise in different styles and dynamics (legato, accented, pianissimo, etc.) to build consistency of different types of note beginnings. Never forget that it all comes back to the air!!



TANK UP & FLY! Ideally this exercise is played in one breath! See how fast you can work this baby up! You're allowed to breathe when you're learning it slowly (don't die!) but see if you can count how few breaths you can do it in to still push your breath efficiency.



COOL IT! It is important to warm down the chops after intense playing sessions. Take a couple of extra minutes before you put the horn away to to go through this exercise, or make up your own that feels nice on your face. Simpler is better here!



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