Got Sax? A Presentation

... and some memes

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Le Menu du Jour...

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Who is this guy Piazzolla Etude No 3? Our Goal **Entrées**

Típs for Tone Típs for Tongue Típs for Techníque Típs for Tools



víbrato Scales and Patterns Questíons What produces the sound on a saxophone?



Tips for Tone - Embouchure

Posture/Position

Eliminate Pressure on the reed

Mouthpiece Pitch/TONE

CEquipment

Long Tones (but not too long)

32800 Tips for Tongue - Articulation

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DE GOUVERNEUR, DER GOUVERNEUR, **Tip of the Tongue**

Legato vs Staccato

VAir pressure

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Work it! The tongue is a muscle

WRemove horn

Tips for Technique – Fingers

Fingers curved and close SLOW **Follow through Metronome** Variety of strategies (next) **Plan out fingerings Always use correct dynamics**, articulation

Tips for Technique – Strategies

LWAYS use metronome, Always Entire passage, slow to fast (how slow can you go?) Sequencing smaller sections Groupings on the move 1234, 2345,3456 "Butter" Add-a-note (fw, bw) boomerang Click then play Record yourself and listen back

REMEMBER

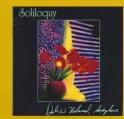
Establish a routine, and don't ignore the "boring stuff" (LT, MP, etc)
Limits: don't overuse each technique, use them all
Limits: don't overplay each pattern, rotate them all
No "rage practicing," take breaks instead or come see me!
The truth about auditions

Tips for Tools - Equipment

V Reed – Cane vs Synthetic **V**Reed Strength Use Lig – what's that thing called again? Mouthpiece – the holy grail **Horn** – does it matter? Veck Strap – do you like chronic back pain? **W** Mass – does it matter? Cleaning and care –

Vibrato

- **When to use?**
- Moving Target
- **Pitch**
- **Parameters and practice**
- Yes-yes: using jaw ("wha-wha"/ "wee-wee")
- **%** No-no: using breath
- **No-no: using tongue** ("ya-ya")
- Tole Underwood/Arno Bornkamp





Congrats, this is the end

Resources

Questions?

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