

# STRATEGIES FOR RECITAL MEMORIZATION

## LISTEN TO RECORDINGS

Listen to the reference recording 10+ times throughout the day.

- Listen in the background
- Listen with eyes closed and focus solely on the music.
- Listen and read along with violin part or piano score.

## PRACTICE WITH A PLAN

Work in 2, 4, or 8 measure sections.

- Count the number of sections and plan how many sections you will memorize each day
- Play 2 times looking at music and 1 time from memory
- When you have 2 or more sections memorized, try putting them together with the 2 times with music, 1 time from memory strategy

## STABILIZE & STRENGTHEN

Once you can play a large section or the whole piece from memory...

- Record, then listen with the sheet music in hand - mark spots that need more attention.
- Play it live for someone in your home
- Play outside for your neighbors
- Video call a friend who hasn't heard you play this piece yet