

Tip of the week! 7 juli 2020

This weeks tip is about training pitch

Some students have a little trouble "finding the right note", also called pitching.

Especially when it's a very high or low one or right between the registers. Here are some exercises that can help you pitch.

Most important is your hearing. Train yourself with solfege exercises, I wrote a blog about this earlier.

1 Sing octaves and check yourself using an instrument. You can start by playing for example C1 and C2 and repeat this going up one step.

2 Play a random note, sing the same note one octave higher or lower then check if you are correct. This exercises you can repeat with any interval (sext, third etc).

3 Play a chord (major or minor) and sing the notes, check at the piano whether you are right or not. Then pick a random note and make a chord using this note as the bass note. You can challenge yourself by singing jazzy chords for example Amaj7 which consists of A C sharp E and G sharp.

4 Pick a song you like and sing the exact melody along with the original. Record yourself and listen very carefully if your correct.

5 Later on you sing this song a cappella, without any help from instruments. Record yourself again and listen whether you stay in tune.

You will notice that as your hearing gets better, this will benefit your singing. It will be easier to find the right pitch once your ears tell you if the note is too high or too high and when you hit the note exactly right!

Have fun!