

SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR THE CHORAL MUSICIAN

Music Marking

Symbol

Definition

Handwritten musical notation examples illustrating various music marking symbols:

- A fermata over a note.
- A circled dynamic marking 'mf'.
- Accents and slurs over notes.
- Upward and downward arrows pointing to notes.
- A slur over a phrase with the text 'unto /us' and 'God /omnipotent' below it.
- A slur over a phrase with the text 'glory of the Lord' below it.
- Four notes with individual accents.
- Four notes with a tenuto mark over the first.
- Four notes with a portato mark over the first.
- A slur over a phrase.
- A fermata over a note.
- A dashed slur over a phrase.
- A crescendo hairpin.
- A decrescendo hairpin.
- A circled dynamic marking 'sfz'.

- Watch the director here
- Problem note, extra care
- Note dynamic here
- Whole step 1) higher 2) lower
- Half step 1) higher 2) lower
- Sing note sharp (slightly higher)
- Sing note flat (slightly lower)
- Pitch for entrance
- Emphasize this consonant, sing through
- Two vowels in sequence
- End consonant, begin vowel without connecting
- Lift between notes or phrase, no breath
- Break with breath
- Sing through full note value
- Word nuances
- Staccato
- Marcato
- Stress this note (tenuto)
- Stress, but separate notes (portato)
- Phrase or line
- Fermata, hold the note
- No breath, carry over
- Crescendo, grow
- Decrescendo, sound lessens
- Sforzando, sing with hard stress

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Definition</u>
subito, sub. p	Suddenly soft
sub. f	Suddenly loud
mezzo p, mp	Medium soft
mf	Medium loud
sostenuto	Sustained line
molto	more
meno	less

INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET

<u>Written</u>	<u>Sounds like</u>
a	fa <u>th</u> er
ɑ	ma <u>d</u>
ɛ	me <u>t</u>
e	sha <u>d</u> e
i	kn <u>ee</u>
I	<u>i</u> t
o	no <u>o</u>
ɔ	<u>ou</u> ght
u	mo <u>o</u> n
ʊ	bo <u>o</u> k
ə	ove <u>n</u>
r	(flip one "r")
<u>r</u>	(trill "r's")