

# How to Mark Your Music

Breathe Here



Comma above measure

Don't Breathe Here



NB for No Breath, arrow for air direction

Release Point

*When to stop note*



Dash – count note ends, arrow for air direction

Measure Numbers



Small, neat handwriting above the center of each measure

Tenuto Long Note Value



Long line under/above note head. (Tenuto)

Detached/ Short Notes



Slash between notes to indicate space

Cresc.

*cresc.*



If “cresc.” is written below your music, draw in the actual crescendo

Instrument Abbreviations

**Fl, Ob, Cl, B. Cl, Bssn, Alto, T. Sax, Bari, Tpt, Hn, Tbone, Euph, Tuba, Perc (which one?)**

Accidentals



Must put the accidental to the left of the note head, on the same line or space

Rehearsal Tempos

**8/13=120**

Date = tempo bpm

Peak of Phrase



Draw a star to indicate the peak of the musical phrase and direction, in addition to crescendo and decrescendo

Color Coding



Highlighter: Key/time signatures, repeats, roadmap  
Colored Pencils (red and blue): dynamics