

Athletes and the Arts® The Teacher



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As a teacher you play an integral part in the health of the performing artist athlete. Athletes and the Arts® wants to equip you with an arsenal of tools to ensure your students have a long and healthy life with their art.

What you can do:

Promote Joy of Performance:

- Performing can be daunting for some of your students, show them the benefits of performing
- Provide a range of performance opportunities. When a student experiences various performance environments they will feel comfortable during future endeavors.

Care for the “Core Instrument:”

- Educate on the importance of hydration, sleep and nutrition
- Caring for the body will maximize health and longevity of the performer

Select an Appropriate Repertoire:

- It is important to challenge the student for growth in their work
- Selection should take performers physical and mental well-being into consideration, do not push them to extremes



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Exercise is Medicine®:

- Encourage core strength, aerobics and flexibility to optimize performance

Show Students Effective Practice Strategies:

- Encourage students to problem-solve and avoid mindless practice: Practice with Purpose
- Break up practice sessions to enhance concentration & avoid overuse

If a Student is Injured:

- Ask appropriate questions to steer medical consultation if needed
- Work with medical professionals to determine the best process for their return to play



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