

## LEARN MUSIC IN ONE DAY!

1. If you don't have a learning tape, get one or have one made during chorus or section rehearsals.
2. Choose a time when you will have two to three hours without distraction. (2:00 a.m. works for some!)
3. Assemble the following tools:
  - a. Sheet music to be learned
  - b. Learning tape and blank tape
  - c. Tape player (preferably 2—one to play and one to record)
  - d. Highlighter
  - e. Paper
  - f. Pen/pencils
4. Begin by LISTENING to the tape. Follow along on the sheet music but **DON'T** sing or hum. Just try to get a feel for the lyrical line, tempo, key changes, etc.. Listen through the entire song SEVERAL times!
5. Try singing with the tape several times. Highlight those areas that present problems and review **JUST THOSE PHRASES** until you can sing them comfortably **IN TEMPO!!**
6. Put the sheet music and tape aside. WRITE the words to the song, allowing double spaces between the lines. (When you've finished learning the song, now you have a) your own personal critique sheet and b) your own personal choreography notation sheet!) If you cannot remember some words—LEAVE A BLANK LINE BUT **DO NOT** LOOK AT THE MUSIC!!!!
7. Review the music where you left blanks and repeat step 6 until you can write all the words from memory.
8. Play the learning tape in one machine and sing with it into another machine using your blank tape. Using your sheet music, listen to the tape you just made, critiquing notes, words, vowels, etc. Review those phrases that might have been less than perfect until you can sing them comfortably **IN TEMPO!!**
9. Give yourself a HUGE pat on the back as you have learned a piece of music in ONE DAY!!!