Rehearsal Techniques

The Moment of Silence

The students must pay attention/focus on what you are saying or you are wasting your time.

Music/Sound

Stop

Silence

(count to three silently) (Look at the students)

Speak

(continue to look at them)

FIX ONE THING ONLY

(The Inner Game of Music)

- * If it is not silent when you stop, <u>rehearse the silence</u>.
- * If instruments are not up together ready to start, <u>rehearse</u> <u>instruments up</u>.
- * If students are not looking at you to start, rehearse it.
- ◆ Be clear about where you are going to start and stop.
- ◆ Don't just conduct until something goes wrong and then stop, unless you are getting close to a performance and there are few problems.
- Work on a clearly defined section and tell them where to stop. (i.e. "Stop at letter D and hold the first note." If they don't stop, rehearse it.)