

AGO Sight Reading Workshop with Dr. Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler
Saturday, March 7th 2020 / 10 a.m. - noon
Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, AZ

Sight Reading 101

1. Pick any book with sheet music from your shelf and sight read every day for 15-20 minutes
2. Practice spatial awareness when you are learning any piece of repertoire
3. **Before** you play a piece for the first time, study the music:
 - figure out the form, phrases, key, scales and possible chords within the key, meter, melodic and rhythmic patterns, key changes, mood, dynamics, articulation, etc.
 - recognize complicated passages and write in chords and fingering if needed
 - imagine the music in your head
4. **When** you play:
 - play the patterns not the notes
 - always look ahead
 - never stop
 - skip notes or improvise if necessary
 - make music!