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Ave Maria

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# PERFORMING

### **CREATING**

Imagine (#1)
Plan & Make (#2)
Evaluate & Refine (#3.1)
Present (#3.2)

### PERFORMING

Select (#4.1)
ANALYZE (#4.2)
INTERPRET (#4.3)
Rehearse, Evaluate & Refine (#5)
PRESENT (#6)

### RESPONDING

Select (#7.1) Analyze (#7.2) Interpret (#8) Evaluate (#9)

### CONNECTING

Personal Experiences (#10) Varied Contexts (#11)



# Ave Maria

 Musicians ANALYZE: Rehearsals and performances are enhanced through understanding the structure and context of a work.

**Repetition** is a **compositional technique** often used by composers to help present their **intent**.

- A. Why did the composer decide to repeat some words of the text more than others?
- B. The text in ms. 3-18 is repeated in ms. 34-54. How does a new text in ms. 20-32, compare with this repeated text?
- II. Musicians **INTERPRET**: Rehearsals and performances of a work reflect a process of searching and experimenting with sound to understand and present creative intent.

Repetition challenges performers to say the same thing in new ways.

- A. The composer includes *expression marks*. How are these helpful? What changes would you suggest to help your performance?
- B. How can *articulation* be useful in emphasizing differences when performing? Should it be the same or different throughout the work? Demonstrate.
- III. Musicians **PRESENT**: Expression, interpretation, and technical accuracy are displayed appropriately for an audience and context.

For centuries, composers have been inspired to create musical settings of the Ave Maria text.

- A. Why, today, should we be interested in texts from centuries ago? What influences some texts lasting for centuries while others quickly disappear? Explain and support your observations.
- B. If members of an audience are familiar with the texts, how can performers help audiences remain interested in a performance? Design strategies to share, display and present to audience members.
- C. The 'Traditional Latin' texts are associated with religious ceremonies. Why might the **venue** in which they are performed make a difference? What challenges do performers have?

EXTEND: Personal and combined 'experiences' give 'richness' to music. What 'experiences' can influence a performance or response to a presentation of this work? How can the **character** assumed by members of the chorus help influence a presentation?

## KEY VOCABULARY

Repetition, Compositional technique, Intent, Text, Expression marks, Articulation, Venue, Character

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SAB and Piano\*

**Traditional Latin** 

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