## Observation of musical expression/ideas

## **Dynamics:**

- Volume
  - Do I play Forte/Piano loud/quiet enough?
  - Do my choices of dynamics fit to the musical characters, moods and feelings?
  - Do I use wide dynamic range?
  - Do I want to express this mood?
- Changes
  - Do I play Crescendo Decrescendo gradually?
  - Does it serve my musical idea?

## Tempos:

- Does my tempo fit
  - to the character, moods and feelings I want to express?
  - to the music stylistically?
- Do I play accelerando/ritartando big enough?
- Do I stay in tempo?

#### Tone color – Tone quality:

- Do I use different tone colors?
- Does this color serve the musical character, mood and diversity?
- Is my tone quality predetermined or incidental?

#### **Articulation:**

- Do I play the articulation predetermined or incidental?
- Does my artculation fit
  - to the character, moods and feelings I want to express?
  - to the music stylistically?
- Do I play the articulation consequent?

# Phrasing:

- Do I play too short/big phrases?
- Is the phrasing clear enough?
- Do I hold the phrases together or they fall to pieces?

## **Breathing:**

- Do I take breath between the phrases?
- Does the breath fit to the musical idea?

#### Intonation:

Do I have a clear intonation especially at high position?