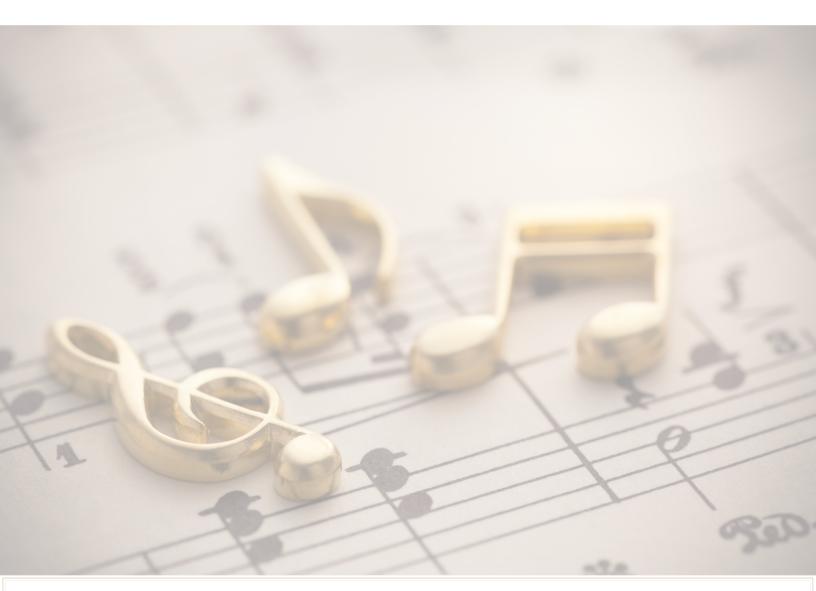


12 Essential Practices



A Workbook for Thriving in Art and Life







Hello! I'm Gina.

I'M THRILLED TO JOIN YOU ON YOUR PRACTICE JOURNEY! AS A SINGER AND VOICE TEACHER, MY GOAL IS TO GIVE YOU THE TOOLS TO SHARE YOUR VOICE - INSIDE AND OUT - WITH CONFIDENCE AND INTEGRITY IN ART AND LIFE.

Life is a series of practices. Make them intentional.

THE PRACTICE PARLOUR IS A PODCAST ABOUT THE PRACTICES THAT SHAPE ARTISTS LIVES ONSTAGE AND OFF. THIS WORKBOOK HIGHLIGHTS 12 ESSENTIAL PRACTICES THAT ENABLE WORLD-CLASS ARTISTS TO THRIVE. APPLY THESE PRACTICES TO YOUR OWN LIFE AND DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN GROW AND SERVE WITH PURPOSE.



PRACTICE SELE-AWARENESS

SELF-AWARENESS REQUIRES FREQUENT REFLECTION AND LEADS TO CLARITY OF PURPOSE. IT MEANS KNOWING WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU, WHAT MOTIVATES YOU, WHAT INSPIRES YOU, WHAT IS FUN TO YOU, AND HOW YOU TEND TO THINK AND BEHAVE. SOME OF MY FAVORITE TOOLS FOR CULTIVATING SELF-AWARENESS INCLUDE JOURNALING AND READING ABOUT FRAMEWORKS, SUCH AS THE ENNEAGRAM AND THE FOUR TENDENCIES. SELF-AWARENESS LEADS TO MEANINGFUL ACTION AND CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DECISIONS. LEARN HOW TO WALK IN PURPOSE WITH BECCA BRUNELLE IN EPISODE 32 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

Ways to Practice Self-Awareness

Journal	WHAT ELSE?
SIT IN QUIET	
DO A BODY SCAN	
LEARN YOUR TENDENCY	
LIST YOUR FAVORITE MOVIES AND WHY	
DISCERN YOUR VALUES	
FIND YOUR ENNEAGRAM NUMBER	
NOTICE WHAT MOVES YOU TO TEARS	

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOURSELF?
WHERE DO YOU HOLD TENSION, AND WHAT CAN YOU RELEASE?
WHAT ACTIVITIES BRING YOU THE MOST JOY?
WHAT ACTIVITIES BRING TOO THE MOST SOT:
Who inspires you and why?
WHEN DO YOU FEEL THE MOST FREE?



PRACTICE FAITH

FAITH IS A MUSCLE THAT NEEDS EXERCISED, AND IT MAY OR MAY NOT INCLUDE RELIGION. FAITH IS ABOUT MAINTAINING HOPE, STAYING OPTIMISTIC, AND TRUSTING THAT THINGS WILL BE OKAY. IT IS THE CONFIDENCE THAT COMES FROM LISTENING TO YOUR INTUITION, TUNING INTO A DEEP SENSE OF KNOWING, AND TRUSTING IN THE GOODNESS OF BOTH YOURSELF AND SOMETHING GREATER THAN YOURSELF. FAITH IS BELIEVING IN POSITIVE POSSIBILITIES. LEARN ABOUT CREATIVE CONFIDENCE WITH KEISHA GILLES ON EPISODE 27 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

Ways to Practice Faith

PRAY	WHAT ELSE?
Name the positive possibilities	
Marvel at nature	
TEND TO A GARDEN	
ENJOY A DAY OF REST	
UNPLUG	
INVEST IN SOMETHING MEANINGFUL THAT HAS NO GUARANTEE	
ASK FOR HELP	

What is bringing you the most fear or anxiety right now?
WHAT ARE SOME POSITIVE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE OUTCOME?
RECALL A TIME WHEN EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FOR THE BEST:
How have you handled difficult situations in the past?
What do you know to be true?



PRACTICE WELLNESS

PUT YOUR OXYGEN MASK ON FIRST SO THAT YOU CAN HELP OTHERS. SELF-CARE INCLUDES MOVEMENT, NUTRITION, MINDSET, REST AND SO MUCH MORE. TRY SPRUCING UP YOUR MORNING AND EVENING ROUTINES, SCHEDULING YOUR DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS, TAKING A YOGA CLASS, LISTENING TO A GUIDED MEDITATION, OR SIMPLY GRANTING YOURSELF GRACE. YOUR NEEDS INEVITABLY WILL CHANGE BASED ON THE DAY OR SEASON. GIVE YOURSELF WHATEVER YOU CRAVE TO FEEL WHOLE AND WELL IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT. LEARN ABOUT CREATIVITY IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRAD GARDNER ON EPISODE 26 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

Ways to Practice Wellness

ENJOY THE MORNING SUNSHINE	WHAT ELSE?
TAKE A WALK	
GO TO BED EARLY	
DRINK WATER INFUSED WITH A FAVORITE FRUIT	
EAT SLOWLY AND DISTRACTION FREE	
Take your vitamins	
SWEAT IT OUT	
FIND A MOMENT OF LAUGHTER	

DOES YOUR MIND, BODY, OR SPIRIT NEED THE MOST TLC RIGHT NOW?
WHAT SELF-CARE ANCHOR ACTIVITIES CAN YOU DEPEND UPON?
How do you maintain and refuel your energy?
How can you prioritize your wellness this week?
HOW CAN YOU HOLD YOURSELF ACCOUNTABLE FOR FOLLOWING THROUGH??



PRACTICE TIME MANAGEMENT

TIME IS YOUR MOST PRECIOUS NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE. YOUR LIFE STORY IS WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO DO WITH THAT TIME. THERE ARE ALWAYS OPPORTUNITIES TO OPTIMIZE YOUR HOURS AND TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE TIME YOU ARE GIVEN. YOUR PURPOSE DETERMINES YOUR PRIORITIES, AND YOUR PRIORITIES DETERMINE YOUR PLANS. CAREFULLY CHOOSE WHAT PROJECTS, PEOPLE, AND EXPERIENCES HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. WHERE ARE YOU INVESTING YOUR LIFE? ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR TIME ON WHAT TRULY MATTERS? LEARN MORE WITH ALYSSA DANIELLE JONES ON SELF-CARE FOR SINGERS EPISODE 6 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

Ways to Practice Time Management

Do a brain dump	WHAT ELSE?
ELIMINATE NONESSENTIALS	
DELEGATE A RECURRING TASK	
IDENTIFY YOUR 80/20	
DO SOMETHING TODAY THAT WILL SAVE YOUR FUTURE SELF TIME	
DENTIFY A DAILY HIGHLIGHT	
TRY THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE	
PROTECT TIME IN YOUR CALENDAR FOR WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT	

WHAT DISTRACTIONS ARE EATING YOUR TIME?	
What activities mean the most to you? Schedule them!	
WHICH ACTIONS TRULY MOVE THE NEEDLE FORWARD?	
WHAT CAN YOU DELEGATE TO SOMEBODY ELSE?	
WHICH TASKS CAN ONLY YOU DO?	



PRACTICE PRESENCE

WE LIVE IN A WORLD FULL OF DISTRACTIONS. PUT DOWN YOUR PHONE AND LOOK PEOPLE IN THE EYE. TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND TUNE INTO THE MOMENT. THE PAST ALREADY HAPPENED AND THE FUTURE IS YET TO COME. ALL WE HAVE IS NOW. FOCUS ON YOUR SENSES. WHAT DO YOU SEE, HEAR, TOUCH, TASTE, AND SMELL? LIZZIE MARKSON SHARES ADDITIONAL EXERCISES FOR PRACTICING PRESENCE ON EPISODE 23 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

Ways to Practice Presence

BREATHE DEEPLY	WHAT ELSE?
Notice how you feel	
LOOK SOMEONE IN THE EYE	
MEDITATE OR SIT IN QUIET	
Tune into your senses	
PLACE YOUR HAND ON YOUR HEART	
Focus on the now	
Pay attention to your body	

Do you find it challenging to be present? Why or why not?
WHAT DISTRACTS YOU FROM STAYING FULLY PRESENT?
HOW MIGHT YOU EMBRACE MORE SILENCE IN YOUR LIFE?
How could you be a better listener?
Tune into your environment - write down everything purple that you see:



PRACTICE REACHING OUT

Ways to Practice Reaching Out

TELL SOMEONE WHEN

HOST A GROUP DISCUSSION

JOIN LUNCHCLUB

PLAN AN EVENT OR GATHERING

BE THE INVITATION. GET COMFORTABLE APPROACHING PEOPLE AND STARTING CONVERSATIONS. TELL PEOPLE WHEN THEY'VE INSPIRED YOU, MOVED YOU, OR CHANGED YOU. ASK QUESTIONS. SHARE YOUR CURIOSITIES AND IDEAS FOR COLLABORATION. LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT YOU NOTICE THEM AND THAT THEIR PRESENCE MATTERS. ON <u>EPISODE 13 OF THE PRACTICE</u> PARLOUR, CARLY VALANCY SHARES HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN REACH OUT PRACTICE.

THEIR WORK MOVES YOU	
WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE	
CALL AN OLD FRIEND	
OFFER TO HELP	
SEND AN EMAIL WHEN SOMETHING MAKES YOU THINK OF SOMEONE	

WHAT ELSE?

Who would you like to reconnect with?
WHICH TYPES OF PEOPLE WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET?
Whose work has positively impacted you?
What ideas do you have for collaboration?
What are you curious about?



PRACTICE INCLUSION

THIS YEAR HAS ILLUMINATED THAT THE WORK IS NOWHERE NEAR FINISHED IN PRACTICING ANTI-RACISM, ACCESSIBILITY, EQUITY, AND BELONGING. WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO INCLUDE A LONELY NEIGHBOR IN A FAMILY CELEBRATION OR TO CHALLENGE SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES, INCLUSION IS A VITAL PRACTICE FOR HELPING PEOPLE TO FEEL SEEN, HEARD, VALUED, AND WELL REPRESENTED. WE CAN ALWAYS DO MORE TO LIFT PEOPLE UP. ON <u>EPISODE 7 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR</u>, KENNETH OVERTON SHARES HIS PASSION FOR ILLUMINATING BLACK VOICES.

Ways to Practice Inclusion

SHARE YOUR PRONOUNS	WHAT ELSE?
INVITE A QUIET VOICE TO SPEAK	
READ AN ANTIRACISM BOOK	
EXAMINE YOUR OWN BIASES	
SEEK OUT STORIES OF EXPERIENCES DIFFERENT THAN YOUR OWN	
SUPPORT BUSINESSES OWNERS FROM MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES	
ADD ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES TO YOUR CONTENT	
VOTE FOR POLICIES THAT PROMOTE INCLUSION	

WHAT PRIVILEGES DO YOU HAVE?
What assumptions do you catch yourself making about people?
RECALL A TIME WHEN YOU FELT INCLUDED AND HOW IT MADE YOU FEEL:
Who can you make an intentional effort to include?
Which marginalized voices could you amplify and how?



PRACTICE GRATITUDE

WAYS TO PRACTICE GRATITUDE

EVEN IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES (HELLO PANDEMIC!), THERE IS SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR. GRATITUDE IS NOT MERELY A FEELING, BUT RATHER THE EXPRESSION OF A FEELING. ON EPISODE 18 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR, EFT COACH JENNY CLIFT LED US THROUGH A TAPPING EXERCISE ON GRATITUDE. SHE ALSO SHARED HER PRACTICE OF GOING THROUGH THE ALPHABET AND FINDING ONE THING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT CORRESPONDS WITH EACH LETTER. FOR MORE IDEAS, CHECK OUT THE BLOG POST 11 WAYS TO PRACTICE GRATITUDE.

WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE	WHAT ELSE?
REFLECT ON YOUR AHA MOMENTS AND LEARNINGS	
SAY I LOVE YOU	
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS	
WRITE 3 THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR BEFORE GOING TO BED	
JOURNAL ON A FAVORITE MOMENT OF THE DAY	
NOTICE WHO SUPPORTS YOU	
RECORD A FAVORITE MEMORY OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK	

NAME A DISCOVERY, ACCOMPLISHMENT, THING, AND EXPERIENCE (DATE) YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR TODAY:
What is going especially "right" in your life?
What hardships are others facing now that you are not?
Who can you count on for encouragement and support?
Who challenges you to be and do better?



PRACTICE GENEROSITY

You are uniquely qualified to contribute and to serve. Perhaps you have extra funds to donate or time to give. Maybe you have ideas to share or can offer a shoulder to cry on. The more you practice generosity, the easier it becomes. It is one thing to give when we feel abundant. It is more difficult when resources are scarce. But we are each advantaged in our own way. Where do you need to set boundaries and where can you find a little extra room to give? On episode 20 of <a href="mailto:the the tree that the people you seek to help.

Ways to Practice Generosity

TELL YOUR STORY	WHAT ELSE?
TEACH SOMEONE WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED	
TREAT A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO COFFEE OR DINNER	
SHARE YOUR GIFTS AND YOUR STORY IN SERVICE	
FILL A BAG WITH ITEMS TO DONATE	
OFFER A STRANGER A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS	
SPEND TIME WITH SOMEONE WHO IS LONELY	
SET UP AUTOMATIC DONATIONS (MONTHLY/YEARLY) TO CHARITY	

WHAT GIFTS DO YOU HAVE TO SHARE?
Who can you help by sharing them?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW LONGER USE THAT SOMEBODY ELSE MIGHT APPRECIATE?
WHAT RESOURCES DO YOU HAVE TO SPARE?
What small act of service can you commit to doing today?



PRACTICE CREATIVITY

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO CONNECT THE DOTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS. LEARN HOW TO THINK OUTSIDE-OF-THE-BOX AND TO ARTICULATE YOUR IDEAS AND UNIQUE POINT OF VIEW. IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET YOUR THOUGHTS OUT OF YOUR HEAD AND INTO THE WORLD. EVERYBODY IS CREATIVE. FOR SOME, THIS MAY LOOK LIKE SINGING, DRAWING, OR COOKING. FOR OTHERS, IT MAY MEAN INVENTING A NEW GADGET, FINDING A NEW WAY TO PLAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN, OR STARTING A COMPANY FROM SCRATCH. WHAT CAN YOU CREATE THAT WAS NOT THERE BEFORE? STEVE PACEK SHARES THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY ON EPISODE 6 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

WAYS TO PRACTICE CREATIVITY

SING A SONG!	WHAT ELSE?
TELL A STORY	
Color	
TRY A NEW RECIPE (OR MAKE ONE UP)	
CREATE A VIDEO	
TAKE A PHOTO WALK	
WRITE A POEM	
BRAINSTORM 15 POSSIBLE WAYS TO DO SOMETHING. TRY ONE!	

12 ESSENTIAL PRACTICES | CREATIVITY

When do you feel the most creative?
WHAT RESISTANCE DO YOU HAVE AROUND CREATIVITY?
What creative endeavors have you been wanting to try?
WHAT CREATIVE ACTIVITIES DID YOU LOVE AS A CHILD?
What positive change could you personally make happen?



PRACTICE YOUR CRAFT

PREPARATION LEADS TO CONFIDENCE. WHATEVER YOUR ART, TRADE OR SKILL, PRACTICING YOUR CRAFT MEANS HONING YOUR SYSTEMS. GET MORE SPECIFIC WITH YOUR TECHNIQUE. GO DEEPER WITH YOUR RESEARCH AND APPLICATION. FIND GREATER CONSISTENCY, BOLDER CHOICES, AND NEW WAYS TO RISK. EXPERIMENT AND SEEK FEEDBACK. EXPAND YOUR VERSATILITY AND DELVE INTO YOUR SPECIALTY. JULIA RADOSZ DISCUSSES TECHNICAL FOUNDATIONS OF SINGING ON SELF-CARE FOR SINGERS EPISODE 6 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

Ways to Practice Your Craft

SCHEDULE TIME FOR IT	WHAT ELSE?
STRETCH YOUR SKILLS IN A NEW DIRECTION	
RECORD YOURSELF	
CAPTURE AHA MOMENTS	
WRITE OUT YOUR WORKFLOW	
GET TECHNICAL	
RESEARCH YOUR CURIOSITIES	
ASK FOR SPECIFIC FEEDBACK FROM A TRUSTED MENTOR	

WHAT SKILLS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?
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Where can you improve?
WHICH STEPS ARE VITAL TO YOUR PROCESS?
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT?
WHERE MIGHT YOU IMPLEMENT MORE STRUCTURE, RISK, OR PLAY?



PRACTICE LETTING GO

LETTING GO REQUIRES TRUSTING THAT BETTER THINGS ON ARE THEIR WAY. AS YOU TRANSITION INTO EACH SEASON, LET GO OF WHAT NO LONGER SERVES YOU. WHAT CAN YOU PURGE FROM YOUR LIFE TO LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD AND MAKE SPACE FOR ALL OF THE NEW AND WONDERFUL TO COME? FROM UNUSED ITEMS IN YOUR HOME TO PERSONAL GRIEVANCES AND UNHEALTHY HABITS, THERE IS SO MUCH FREEDOM IN LETTING GO. JERYL CUNNINGHAM TALKS ABOUT HOW STRONG AND WRONG CAN HELP YOU TO MOVE FORWARD ON EPISODE 3 OF THE PRACTICE PARLOUR.

Ways to Practice Letting Go

FORGIVE	WHAT ELSE?
ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT IS OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL	
CHOOSE TO MOVE FORWARD FROM DISAPPOINTMENT, MISTAKES, OR REGRET	
FOCUS ON INTEGRITY AND ALIGNMENT RATHER THAN APPROVAL	
ACCEPT WHAT IS	
GET RID OF SOMETHING GOOD TO MAKE SPACE FOR SOMETHING GREAT	
SIMPLIFY YOUR HOME	
DITCH PERFECTIONISM AND SHIP IT!	

WHAT IS A SMALL, PERSISTENT PAIN POINT THAT YOU CAN RELIEVE?
Where are you comparing yourself negatively to others?
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO ACCEPT, AND HOW CAN YOU MOVE ON?
Where can you make more room in your life?
HOW CAN YOU SPEND MORE TIME AROUND THOSE WHO LIFT YOU UP?



TAKING ACTION

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, HOW WELL DO THESE PRACTICES CURRENTLY SHOW UP IN YOUR LIFE? STAR THREE PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON IN THIS SEASON.

SELF-AWARENESS	
FAITH	
WELLNESS	
TIME MANAGEMENT	
PRESENCE	
REACHING OUT	
INCLUSION	
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CREATIVITY	
Your Craft	
LETTING GO	

12 ESSENTIAL PRACTICES | TAKING ACTION

Why is developing this practice important to you?
WHAT WILL LIFE FEEL LIKE WHEN YOU ARE FULLY LIVING THIS PRACTICE?
What resources are you willing to invest in cultivating this practice?
What are some ways you could engage with your practice this week?
What will you commit to practicing within in the next 24 hours?

12 ESSENTIAL PRACTICES | TAKING ACTION

PRACTICE TWO
Why is developing this practice important to you?
WHAT WILL LIFE FEEL LIKE WHEN YOU ARE FULLY LIVING THIS PRACTICE?
What resources are you willing to invest in cultivating this practice?
What are some ways you could engage with your practice this week?
What will you commit to practicing within in the next 24 hours?

12 ESSENTIAL PRACTICES | TAKING ACTION

PRACTICE THREE
Why is developing this practice important to you?
What will life feel like when you are fully living this practice?
What resources are you willing to invest in cultivating this practice?
What are some ways you could engage with your practice this week?
What will you commit to practicing within in the next 24 hours?



REACH OUT

I'd Love to Hear from You!



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Looking forward to connecting!

Be well and sing on!