Some Factors That Enhance Blending

(1) **Same Family** The instruments are in the same family, and especially in the same subgroup (i.e. double reeds).

(2) **Adjacent Voices** The instruments play adjacent voices in the texture.

(3) **Similar Parts** The instruments play parts that are similar or that are treated similarly.

(4) **Balanced** The instruments are evenly balanced.

(5) **Consonant Intervals** The interval between the instruments is relatively consonant.

(6) **Timbre** The timbre of an instrument is not such that it attracts attention away from another instrument.