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Articulation Exercises

Focus on the air to keep the articulation clean. Always keep a sense of direction, pushing towards the final note.

Try this exercise with a cup mute. It is an excellent way to hear the cleaness of your articulation.
Continue through the circle of 5ths/4ths, expanding to higher and lower registers as required.

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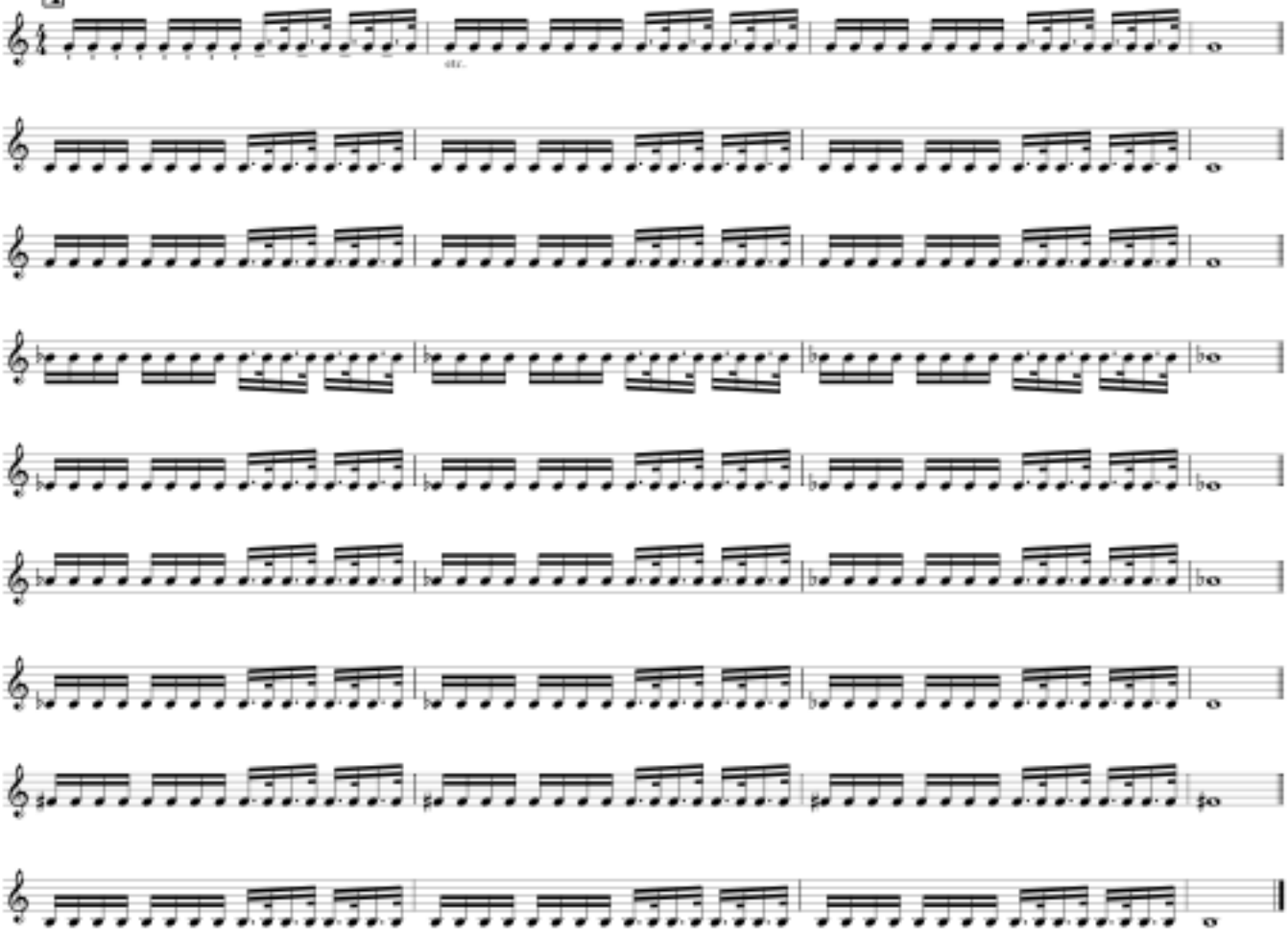

This exercise should be played at your fastest comfortable single tongue tempo. The fluttertongue at the end is to ensure that you keep pushing the air.
Remember that the accent is with the air and that the tongue should continue to strike in the same place.

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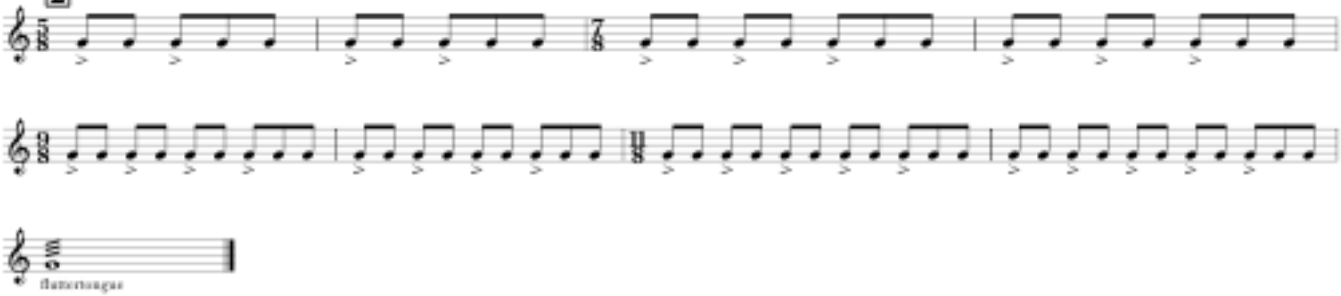

Repeat this exercise descending in semitones.