

Course: Violin

Level: 1

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Objective: By the end of the 12 lessons, it is expected that the student is able to play simple contemporary and classical pieces using the proper bowing technique.

Lesson I

Lecture: Introduction – History of the violin, parts of the violin

Proper Bow hold

Proper Violin hold

Associating the notes with the strings on the violin

How to attach strings correctly

How to do Pizzicato

Bowing on the open strings

- Proper bowing technique
- Proper wrist movement

Activity:

- Review on the Rudiments of Music
- Playing using pizzicato
- Exercises for the Open Strings
- Exercises for the Combination of the Four Strings
- Exercises for Gaining Firmer Control of the Bow

Lessons 2 and 3

Lecture: Position and Action of the Left Hand, Whole-steps and Half-steps

Activity:

- Exercises for the First, Second and Third Finger on the Four Strings
- Playing in whole, half and quarter notes
- Playing Dotted notes
- Practicing the C Major Scale

Lesson 4

Lecture: Legato playing – The Slur

Activity:

- Practicing the G Major scale in whole, half, quarter and eighth note, detached and slurred
- Piece: Merry Widow Waltz

Lessons 5 and 6

Lecture: Correct Finger Action, change of bow and string crossing

Activity:

- Exercises for correct finger action, change of bow and string crossing
- Recommended piece: Minuet (Mozart), Duet (Pleyel)

Lesson 7

Lecture: Review of the previous lessons

Activity:

- Written and Practical exam on the previous lessons

Lesson 8

Lecture: Bowing with even, smooth, mellow tones

Activity:

- Recommended Piece: Melody

Lesson 9

Lecture: Staccato playing

Activity:

- Exercises for Staccato
- Recommended piece: Little Fairy Waltz

Lesson 10

Lecture: Half-steps with one finger, Intonation Awareness

Activity:

- Exercises for Half Step
- Recommended piece: Waltz

Lesson 11

Lecture: Combination of Legato and Staccato, Light staccato

Activity:

- Exercises for Light staccato
- Exercises for Combination of Legato and Staccato
- Recommended piece: Gavotte (Suzuki)

Lesson 12

Lecture: Dynamics

Activity:

- Practicing the all the pieces learned using proper dynamics