

SIUE SUZUKI: ORCHESTRA PROMOTION PROCESS

Promotional Conference

BOA:

1. Scales and Arpeggios: One note per bow
 - Violin: One octave: A major, D major, G Major
 - Viola: One octave: D major, G major, C Major
 - Cello: One octave: D major; Two octave: G major, C major (if at the end of book 1)
2. Perform a polished solo piece. Repertoire range: Violin/Viola/Cello: Perpetual Motion or beyond.

Repertoire performed for promotional conference is prepared and polished two weeks before the conference date. Due to time constraints, you may not perform your entire piece.

Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.

3. Prepared orchestra excerpt (see next page)
4. Sight reading: Can identify and play: open string notes, D string notes (D E F# G), A string notes (A B C# D). Can perform with a steady beat, and can identify and play patterns with quarter notes, eighth notes, half notes, and whole notes on open strings.

Other things to bring/practice:

5. Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.
6. Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.
7. Has mastered all required skills in First Steps to Orchestra. ****See appendix at the end of this document for skill list****
8. Plays with consistently accurate intonation and resonant tone quality.
9. Performs with independent fingers.

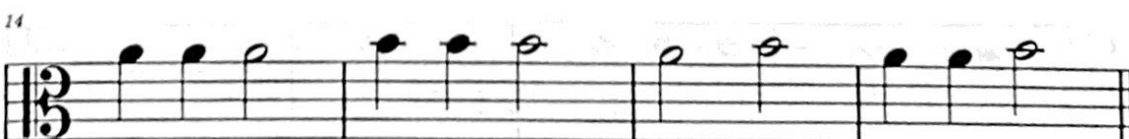
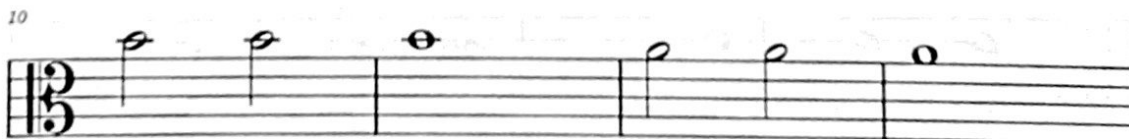
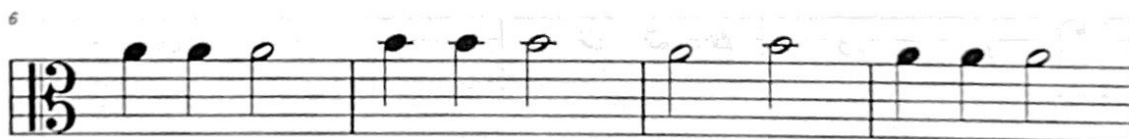
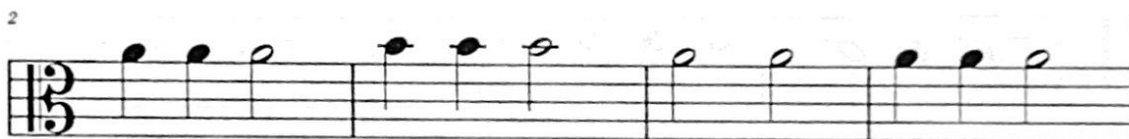
All of the above requirements depend on teacher recommendation.

VIOLA

Lightly Row

Level 1
Duet #1

Key of A
VIOLA



Requirements for Promotion to BOA

Viola

SIUE Suzuki Strings

One Octave D Major Scale and Arpeggio

Also found on page 7 of Book 1



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One Octave G Major Scale and Arpeggio

Also found on page 17 of Book 1



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One Octave C Major Scale and Arpeggio

Also found on page 19 of Book 1



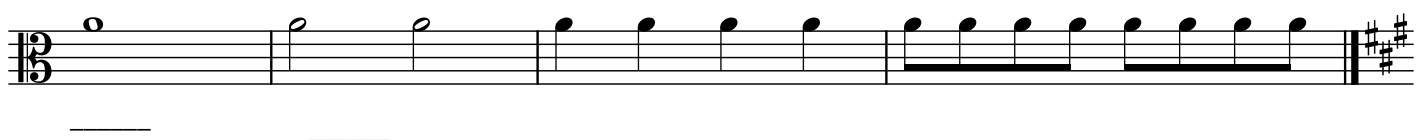
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Identify and play these notes:



Identify and play these rhythms on any open string:



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Sight reading practice:

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time, marked with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is indicated as 'Allegretto' and the dynamics as 'f' (forte). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The next measure contains a half note C5 and a quarter note B4. The third measure has a half note A4 and a quarter note G4. The fourth measure consists of a half note F#4 and a quarter note E4. The fifth measure is a half note D4. The sixth measure contains a half note C4 and a quarter note B3. The seventh measure has a half note A3 and a quarter note G3. The eighth measure consists of a half note F#3 and a quarter note E3. The ninth measure is a half note D3. The tenth measure contains a half note C3 and a quarter note B2. The eleventh measure has a half note A2 and a quarter note G2. The twelfth measure consists of a half note F#2 and a quarter note E2. The thirteenth measure is a half note D2. The fourteenth measure contains a half note C2 and a quarter note B1. The fifteenth measure has a half note A1 and a quarter note G1. The sixteenth measure consists of a half note F#1 and a quarter note E1. The seventeenth measure is a half note D1. The eighteenth measure contains a half note C1 and a quarter note B0. The nineteenth measure has a half note A0 and a quarter note G0. The twentieth measure consists of a half note F#0 and a quarter note E0. The system ends with a double bar line.

The first system of the musical score is for the treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody consists of the following notes: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The system concludes with a double bar line. The dynamic marking *mf* is placed below the first measure.

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Promotional Guideline Position Checklist for Violin/Viola:

Please Note: In order to promote to the next ensemble or orchestra, the student must check-off each requirement for his/her instrument and turn in with the appropriate "Guidelines for Promotion" checklist **WITH his/her private teacher's signature.**

Name of Student: _____

GENERAL POSTURE

- ☐ Is the instrument supported by the shoulder in such a manner that left hand fingering can occur without tension?
- ☐ Is the left hand free to slide up and down the fingerboard?
- ☐ Is instrument positioned parallel to the floor?
- ☐ Does the elbow hang under the instrument and hang freely to allow proper finger alignment on all strings?
- ☐ Is the left arm and hand forming a straight line from the elbow to the base of the fingers?
- ☐ Is the right arm elbow opening and closing to allow for straight bowing?

LEFT HAND POSITION

- ☐ Are the fingers all curved with only the tips of the fingers hitting the strings?
- ☐ Are the fingers consistently in a functional position over the fingerboard, i.e., is the hand placed in such a fashion that the little finger could always pluck the strings?
- ☐ Is the hand free from clutching?
- ☐ Does the wrist keep a straight line with the rest of the arm?

RIGHT HAND POSITION

- ☐ Are all joints curved?
- ☐ Are the fingers flexible at all times?
- ☐ Is the thumb bent and not protruding through the frog?
- ☐ Does the index finger touch the stick near the first knuckle joint?
- ☐ Are the second and third finger pads touching the frog?
- ☐ Is the back of hand in the same plane with the forearm?
- ☐ Is the bow moving on the string parallel to the bridge?
- ☐ Is the contact point consistently about halfway between the fingerboard and bridge?

Teacher Signature Date

APPENDIX:

READING CLASS LEVEL 1 EXPECTATIONS (First Steps to Orchestra)

Books Required:

Learning Together Book 1 (for instrument)
Pattern Play Book 1 ((for instrument)
Flashcards of D and A string plus open strings
Highly recommended: Flashnote Derby App

Knowledge and Skills students need to Master in Class prior to applying for BOA Jury:

(NOTE: If a child has a special emotional or learning need, please inform the private and group teacher.)

Music Alphabet: Can sing/say music alphabet song forwards and backwards

Order of Sharps: Can sing the Fuzzy Cats Sharp Song

Knows the difference between lines and spaces. Knows that a musical staff has 5 lines and 4 spaces. Can identify staff and space numbers.

Pitch Reading:

Be able to fill out a fingerboard geography map in Twinkle keys.

Say and Play:

Identify and play open strings on the music staff and alphabet letter name.

Identify and play D string and A string notes in first position.

Rhythm Reading:

Can recognize, name, and draw quarter, eighth, half, and whole notes

Can read, point, and play rhythms for:

Twinkle Theme
Lightly Row
French Folk Song
Go Tell Aunt Rhody
Rocky Mountain

Pitch/Rhythm:

Can play and point to patterns that they hear in and out of order on the following pages of Pattern Play:

PG 5 (Top Line)

PG 15 (Top Line)

Chapter 5 (Pitch patterns) (Learn in class, home, and lessons) Can identify skips and steps

PG 33

PG 43

Pg 51 (play measure by measure and out of order)

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Can identify most Twinkle rhythms

Can point to measures upon request

Knows the following musical terms found in Pattern Play, Suzuki Book 1, and Learning Together:

Dynamics (How loud or soft to play)

Piano (Italian name for soft) (p)

Forte (Loud) (f)

Mezzo Forte (medium loud) (mf)

Mezzo Piano (medium soft) (mp)

Tempo: (How fast or slow) PP, pg 11

Ritardando. (Rit.)

Fermata

D. C. al Fine (PP pg. 13)

Staff

Clef for their instrument (Treble, Bass, Alto)

Sharp

Repeat Sign

Measure

Bar Line in

Down Bow

Up Bow

Top number of time signature for 3 and 4

4 4

Lift sign

Pizzicato

Crescendo

Decrescendo

Composer

Conductor

Dolce

Staccato

Legato

Steady beat vs Rhythm:

Can walk to the beat of songs.

Can clap the rhythm of simple tunes with others or a recording.

Can clap a steady beat and then switch to quarter notes, half notes, and whole notes.

Social and Emotional Development:

Can sit in a circle with others.

Can wait to be called on in a group and knows how to raise hand to ask or answer questions.

Takes turns

Can remain within own personal space during class instruction and movement activities

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Can keep hands and instrument to self.

Can use self control and make sounds with instrument only when asked.

Posture:

Has a good bow and instrument posture while reading. (Look at posture criteria) Good position habits should be formed before entering formal orchestra instruction.

ALL CHILDREN LEARN ON THEIR OWN TIME CLOCKS AND THE SUZUKI COMMUNITY ALONG WITH THE PARENTS WILL DO THEIR BEST TO HELP OUR STUDENTS GROW IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT.