# THE <br> INTERMEDIATE STRING CLASS 

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For full string ensemble classes (violins, violas, 'cellos and basses together) in their second or third year of study. Introduces young players to:

ensemble playing major keys to four sharps and four flats minor keys shifting on the outside string as a range extending device counterpoint playing enriched piano accompaniments

# HOW THIS BOOK CAME TO BE WRITTEN 

## Dedication

The Intermediate String Class is the result of nearly 30 years of development, testing, re-write and re-testing in public school classrooms. It was begun in response to the need for a mixed-string method (for violin, viola, 'cello and bass) which would bridge the gap between the beginning level pupil, whose experience was usually limited to small, like-instrument unison groups and the middle-level player who could function in a string ensemble or orchestral setting.

When I began teaching in the public schools of the Bronx, NY, I was teaching classes of 25 or more pupils in a mixed-string context. I applied the conservatory approach to the beginners with an emphasis right from the start on the ear-training component of instrumental development. I soon discovered that there were no appropriate materials to support such a training plan. Most of the extant methods were based on mechanical notions promoting rigid left-hand positions which I knew were detrimental to the training of competent string players. I preferred using a musical approach.

I appealed to my father and teacher, Samuel Gardner (1891-1984), a violinist, teacher and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer, to write some instructional training exercises which would serve middle-level students in the mixed string class setting. They would have to conform to the principles of his "Harmonic Thinking" which was the foundation for my own string teaching.

At first, he wrote some very simple but delightful, harmonically selfsupporting exercises based on diatonic scales and arpeggios. As time passed, the need for more problem-specific exercises was met with a range of short, musical lines which, taken together, formed the beginning of a formalized, progressive method which has resulted in The Intermediate String Class.

I wish to dedicate this work to my father's memory in honor of his many significant contributions to string education in America.

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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK!

The Intermediate String Class is organized into 15 key-centered chapters divided into two volumes. These are developmentally linked by a series of graduated steps.

The Teachers Manual contains a full score and an overview of the new work to be covered in each chapter. This feature materially aids in the preparation of lesson plans. Each numbered line identifies the new work to be introduced in that line, teaching suggestions specific to the new work. and on-going reminders to the teacher. Many additional exercise lines and familier tunes are provided for extra drill and reinforcement. A sample of a portion of a score page appears below. (Note that in the actual score the identifications of the instruments and the accompaniment staves are not included in the interest of space economy.)
(Title of Line, if any)
(NEW WORK PRESENTED
IN THIS LINE)
1 (line number - same as in students' books,
(Teaching suggestions follow in this space)
(Violin)


Compare the foregoing sample with the first score page to see how an actual work, with teaching suggestions, is formatted.

The success which this book promises is based upon two central ideas: (1) that real music, supported by correct harmonies, counterpoint and voice leading promotes the musical growth of the student, and, (2) that, at this point in the development of young players, the fingers of the left hand have been freed of the constrictions which may have been previously imposed by tapes on the fingerboard, finger patterns or the habituation of holding fingers down on the string past the correct rhythmic value of the pitch being played. In other words, "one note, one finger!"

Volume II, builds upon this technical foundation in introducing the pupils to the higher positions. Playing well in the higher positions depends upon a completely free left hand. Because the inter-pitch distances shrink as the player advances up the fingerboard, those students who are not "locked into a rigid left-hand mold" will be able to play in tune easily and without difficulty. The two basic questions introduced in Volume I remain vital: (a) Does it sound right? and (b) How can it be improved?

The teacher must continue to focus on the ear-training aspects of string teaching and playing. This is a central purpose of the book. Teaching suggestions for achieving this are included throughout. The two piano parts support this goal.

The single staff, Basic Harmonic Support, is included for teachers whose piano skills may be limited, or who prefer to use a "one-hand" technique. The full piano, Enriched Harmonic Support, provides complete accompaniments

## GETTING STARTED

Begin with a review of C major and G major as introduced in Volume I. Drill material, tunes and review exercises are included in each chapter to reinforce the new work.

When preparing performance materials, it has been found useful to return to the appropriate chapter in The Intermediate String Class to get the players warmed up in a "new" key prior to introducing a new piece.

# Chapter 9 - Starting The Higher Positions 

Instructional Guide

## Positions:

The violins, violas and cellos will shift to second position as a range extending device on the outside string. The basses will extend their position playing to fourth position, also on the outside string.

## Objectives:

1. To learn the "ti - do" and "do - ti" shifts
2. To extend the playing range upward beyond I (first) position
3. To learn the triplet abbreviation
4. To review $6 / 8$ meter in countrapuntal style
5. To play comfortably in the new positions
6. To "discover" new shifts within the musical passages

Teaching suggestions and performance hints are set forth in the score.

## General Teaching Hints:

FINGERING. Young students accept the logic of learning II (second) position after first position. This does challange them to use new fingers on old notes! If they have learned to anticipate the correct pitch, they will accomplish this task immediately.

BOWING. Bowing specifics will occur with increasing frequency in this and subsequent chapters. Teachers should make certain that the students observe them inasmuch as they are logical according the musical content of each line.

SHIFTING. Several new kinds of shifts are introduced in this chapter. Shifts to adjacent pitches, both half and whole step, replacement shifts, portomento shifts, "jump-shifts" are encountered within easily heard diatonic passages. Each new kind of shift is noted in the full score as they occur.

Chapter 9 - Starting The Higher Positions The "ti-do" shifting concept on the outer strings only

Violins extend 4th finger to achieve the high $C$ on the $E$ string.

Review of C Major


Violins Shift from I to II Position on the E String
G Major

Violins Shift To II Position
In this line the violins will make their first excursion into the higher positions. To make the up-shift to II position, keep the first finger on the string and slide the whole hand upward one-half step into the new position. This shift takes place on
"ti-do," (F\#-G) the most compelling interval in the scale.

This new skill is
harmonically supported by the other instruments. To begin the line, test for the key of $G$ by quietly playing the test notes at the beginning before starting the exercise.

The basses will employ third position, previously learned.


The Triplet
Abbreviation
The violins will begin this line in Il position. They should not confuse the " 3 " of the "riplet abbreviation with "third finger" in second position!
Show the pupils how the abbreviation represents three triplet eighth notes using the numeral 3 , three dots and a single slash on the stem.


Violins Downshift from II to I Position on the E String Shifting drills between second and first positions
4 Ensemble
Violins Shift Between Iwo Positions

In this line the violins will make four shifts between I \& II positions. Can you find them?

For the downshift, retain the first finger on the $E$ string and slide the entire hand downwards one-half step.

Remind violin and viola players to use the fourth finger where indicated.
'Cellos use extended position on the $C$ string.
Watch out for the abbreviated triplet!


## 5 Ensemble with contrary motion



C Major Review
Preparation for Shifting for lower strings

Violins and Basses Learn A New Half-Step Shift
In measure 8 the violins will take a half-step shift into II position by sliding the entire hand into the position while retaining the fourth finger on the string.

The basses will make the half-step shift into III position in measure 3.

Cellos and violas will prepare for their first shift into the upper positions in line 7 by identifying the "ti-do" of C major.


All Instruments Shift On The Outer String 7

All Instruments Learn A New Shift

Violins will make a whole-step upward slide of the entire hand keeping the first finger on the string from f to g on the E
string between measures \& 2.

Violas and Cellos will make a hall-step upward slide of the entire hand keeping the first finger on the string in measure 3 .

Basses will do two different shifts in this line. A "replacement" shift in measure 3 and a whole-step slide-shift in measure 5.
"Let the ear be your guide!"

Upshifts and Downshifts
Students must locate their starting pitches quietly to themselves before beginning this line,
Violins: whole step downshifts in measures 2 \& 8.

Violas will remain in II position throughout.

Cellos: the " $x$ " fingering designation is here used for the last time in measure 1. The "1-2-4" sequence should be recognized by the pupils as requiring the "spread" fingering.

Basses will play in a total of four positions in this line!

New shifts for each instrument


Position and Shifting Drills in Ensemble Style


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## 9 Ensemble

New Shifts
Yiolins make a "silent" shift between measures $8 \& 9$. The hand will move up to II position while the open E is played, landing with the second finger on A. They second finger on A. They
will remain in II position will remain in
until the end.

Violas and Cellos will slide the left hand down from II to I position while keeping the first finger on the string between C\&B in measure 2.

Basses will downshift from III to I position in measure

All the lower voices make their downshift on the scale steps 8 - 7 ("do - ti").


## Some Notes On Shifting

1. By having done the preparatory work in Chapters 1-8 the students should be "shift-ready." That is they should have developed a left hand technic which is characterized by ear-guided independent finger action. Teachers should insure that their pupils do not retain a finger on the string any longer than the correct rhythmic value for any particular note. Exceptions to this general rule include certain shifts and, of course, trills and double-stops.
2. Shifting is introduced in the most logical way, that is, as part of scale passages on leading tones supported by the most compelling harmonic progressions. Additionally, young pupils find that developing second position is quite natural after learning first position.
3. As stated in the introduction to Chapter 9 , shifting is here introduced as a range-extending device on the outside string. Teachers are encouraged to use this as a point of departure in extending the positions downward as occasions occur in their performance music and at other opportunities. This concept will be introduced in later chapters.


Basses have a NEW SHIFT between I\& II $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}$ positions in in measure 9 . It is a "silent" shift across
two strings, taken on the rests.


Preparatory Ensembles for"Drink To Me Only"

## 11 In 6

Upshifts and Downshifts Reviewed
Violins and violas use 4th finger in the ascent in I position. This is drill for use of this finger in II position.
Remind the cellos that the 1-2-4 finger is "extended" position.
Basses will have two downshifts in measure 6.

Shifting in
Counterpoint
Violins have a new shift.
This is a "replacement" shift in which the pitch stays the same but the hand shifts to a new position and utilizes a same note. The hand will slide quickly to II position while the first finger replaces the second on the E string between measures two and three.
Violins will also have a "hidden" shift in measure


Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes
Concert Version in G Major

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## Performance Sugestions:

1. Unison melody with piano accompaniment. (Upper stave for all instruments)
2. Ensemble. Violins play descant until measure 13, then divisi, upper and lower staves.

Violas \& cellos repeat the melody to measure 13, then play the harmony line.
Basses play the counterline on the repeat.
Piano is optional in the ensemble version.

C Major in Two Octaves

Violins will extend the 4th finger from I position to reach the high $C$ in meas. 3.

They will make a whole step slide shift from $f$ to $g$ in measure 4 and reverse this in measure 7 .
In measure 8 they will make a "silent shift" on the open $E$ into II position.
Violas and Cellos will play C major in both octaves employing I \& II positions.
Basses must find the hidden shift in measure 8 !

14 C major scale designs, with positions


Shifting "On The Fly"

Non-linear Shifts
Gtudents are asked to execute their shifts between chord tones as contrasted to previous shifts which were between adjacent scale tones.

Violins will shift over a minor third in measure 4.

Violas will shift over a minor third in measure 5 and do a replacement shift (same pitch, different finger)
between measures $5 \& 6$. In between measures $5 \& 6$.
this case, from do to do.

Cellos will upshift over a
minor third in measure 5 and downshift over a major third in measure 6. They too, will do a replacement shift between measures $6 \&$ 7

Basses will upshift over a fourth between measures 3 \& 4 and make a silent downshift in measure 7 .

The "do-do" shift for violas and cellos
15 Canonic Arpeggio


15 Slowly, in 3
Two-Part Concert Round in C Major


New Extension Shift for Lower Voices

Cellos will extend the 4 th finger a half-step upward in measure 15. For players with small hands, a very small upshift will facilitate this process. Don't forget to reverse this move in the to reverse this move in the
half-step return to e in II position.
Basses will make a
portamento shiff from the $c$ in measure 14 in III
position to the $f$ in measure 15 , in $V$ position. Retain the 1st finger on the string as the hand upshifts as the hand upshifts
toward V position until the toward $V$ position until th
4 th finger can find the $f$.



# Chapter 10 - Bb Major 

Instructional Guide

## Positions:

The violins, violas and cellos will employ first (I) and second (II) positions in this key. The basses will play from half position (H.P.) to fourth (IV) position.

## Objectives:

1. To develop the concept of the lowered first position
2. To improve the bowing of quick, repeated tones (sixteenth notes)
3. To develop understanding of the dotted eighth-sixteenth in several meters
4. To learn to read abbreviated, repeated eighth notes
5. To apply the new rhythms in ensemble playing

Teaching suggestions and performance hints are set forth in the score.

## General Teaching Hints:

FINGERING. New shifts are required in this Chapter. Half and whole-step shifts are introduced as are several shifts on "new" fingers.

BOWING. Rapid alternations for sixteenth notes require a relaxed right arm.

A New Kev Introduced
To orient the pupils to Bb major, ask them to sing the last three pitches of the scale (la-ti-do) against the harmony provided at the beginning of the piano part. Then play these similarly supported.

Now, play the scale (large notes) as written.

Violins and violas will contract the left hand into this key in order to play this key in order to play
the Eb's and Bb's as they the Eb s and Bb s as the
occur. This will of course, require the 4th finger to reach out "just a little further" when substituting for the open string.

Cellos will employ a lowered" first position so that their extended
fingering will accomodate the Eb on the D string and the Bb on the A string.

Basses will remain in half position (H.P) throughout this line.




Abbreviated Eighths


## Abbreviated Triplets

Triplets Abbreviated
The triplet is played slightly faster than two eighths for the quarter note.
The teacher can help the rhythm by tapping a well-controlled pulse $\underset{\substack{\text { whie the } \\ \text { triplets. }}}{ }$ pupils clap triplets.
Note the different bow speeds between two and three notes for the quarter. The entire exercize is executed between the middle and tip of the bow.

The interval of the diminished fifth, $A$ to $E b$ in measure 11, is best guided by the feel of the guided by

Cellos are reminded that the interval Eb to G
between measures $5 \& 6$ requires a "spread fingering," or " $\times 1-x 4$."
Basses will remain in $1 / 2$
position throughout this

## 3 Arpeggios



Broken Thirds
Reminder: Playing in tune is refined with the help of the basic triads, I-IV-V7.

The chromatics in the piano add color and interest to this simple line of broken thirds.

The abbreviated triplet in the last measure lends rhythmical continuity to the musical design.

Cellos must reach
backward with the first finger to achieve the Eb on the D string and the Bb on the $A$ string.
Basses remain in half position (H.P) throughout this line.


Second Octave of Bb Major Lower voices shift to higher positions

Second Octave of Bb Major
Establish the starting pitch by testing the pitches $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{Bb}$ supported by the harmony (V7-I).

Violins play the full scale, supported by the incomplete octave in the lower strings.

Violas will shift to second position in measure 6, using a whole step upward slide of the hand between Bb and C.

Cellos use the extended finger positions. At the Ebb above the staff, extend the fourth finger a half step into II position. Measure 6 has a whole step shift into II position. Bb to C .

Basses start in II position, leading from $1 / 2$ pos. The IV position is in measure 2. The II and III positions are also used for this Bb major group in the bass.


6 The Scale

Ensemble Patterns
The scale patterns are woven into an ensemble. The triplet abbreviation receives further drill.

Violas will employ both first and second positions. Ask the pupils to find the shift points.

Cellos will use normal, extended and II positions.

The basses will shift frequently in this line.


Intervals In Two Octaves
The Broken chords and thirds (in line 8) are treated as canonic imitations, somewhat in the style of a round.

This is a good line with which to practice entering after a rest. The lower voices will have a good drill of this skill.

Observe the bowings as well as the fingerings in this line.

7 The Broken Chord


## Ensemble Patterns

(cont'd)


## Counterpoint Study

 in Bb Major
## 9 Extending the First Octave Down



## Sixteenth Notes

Four 16ths equal One Quarter

This new rhythm pattern continues the initial style of writing subdivided notes (beats). First with single flags, then with beams.
Four notes are now played in the time of one quarter note. These are called sixteenth notes. Use the bow from the middle to the point.
The stroke for these more rapid notes is done mainly with a loose right hand. The bow is held in a steady manner, without stiffness in the fingers.
A steady beat must be maintained. Considerable practice is required to establish a correct division of the beat, without any rushing.
Students should clap and count this line before playing. Examples: " one - two - three and - four". Also," one - two - three ee and uh - four."


Rhythm Drill in Ensemble


## Listen To The Mockingbird

(see performance suggestions on page 23)
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## Up-beat Sixteenths

Bows must be on the string BEFORE the attack. Silent-count the three preparatory rest beats to establish the pulse for the four even sixteenths on the fourth beat.

The bow is treated in two different ways for the rests. In measure two, the bow comes off the string before the next down bow. In measure three it stays down and is ready for the up-bow.

The piano uses part of the tune as a counterpoint with a bit of old-fashioned "boogie-woogie" style. Students will gain in musical knowledge when this is illustrated and analysed.


Bach Arioso

Bach "Arioso"
The last two eighths in measures $1 \& 2$ are both played with UP-BOWS, between them. The bow remains on the string for remains on the string for
these detached eighths.

They are written with single flags first to show therr relation to the the last eighth at the end of the piece.

The bow should be on the string ready for the pick-up. This type of
shythm is usually played in the upper part of the bow.

The bow arm should be relaxed as far as possible



## Dotted-Eighth and Sixteenth



17 Slurring the new step

Slurring The Dotted
Eighth-Sixteenth
The dotted rhythm in this line is suggested by the motive of "Country Gardens." The timing between the bow and fingers is different when this pattern is slurred.
The bow moves steadily for the quarter beal. The finger acts with the same quick placement as in the preceding exercise.


Country Gardens

Rhythms of "Country Gardens"
Compare the two different rhythmic figures using the dot in measures 1 \& $4 ;$ dotted eighth-sixteenth compared to dotted quarter-eighth.
To play the short sixteenths and eighths correctly requires very definite control of the bow and fingers.

In measure 5, the cellos and basses must be ready for their contrapuntal entrances. They should be reminded about the proper chromatic technique in measure 15 cello stays down while shifting. Basses use different fingers for the chromatic steps.

Drill this line slowly at first, then go into the normal lively tempo of this traditional piece.

Slowly at first, then lively!
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Sixteenths Abbreviated
To start, have the bow ready ON THE STRING, near the point for the preparatory third beat. Think two silent counts before starting.
The dotted
eighth-sixteenth is played slurred and with separate strokes. The true rhythmic timing for each of the bowing styles requires a long dotted eighth and a short sixteenth.

In measures $4 \& 5$ the bow remains on the string for the rests.

Notice how the
abbreviated sixteenths are
written. This pattern is introduced in each part through imitation, as a "Canonic Study."

"Darling Clementine"

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20 \text { Unison } \quad \text { Old lirish Song }
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## $\frac{\text { Dotted Eighth-Sixteenth }}{\text { Up-Beat - Separate Bows }}$

The bow starts at the middle and should be ready on the string. Aim to improve the string. Aim to impro eighth-sixteenth, with an accurate timing of the notes.

In the separate strokes and slurred patterns be sure to play the eighth notes in measure 2 eventy in contrast to the dotted-eighth figure.

## Bb Major Ensembles With Positions

New Shifts in Bb Maior
A WHOLE STEP SHIFT for all instruments.

Violin, viola, cello: I to II.
Bass: H.P. to III.
Note the downshift of a major third in measure 6 for vicla, cello and bass.

Remember that THE THLMB MOVES AHEAD ON THE DOWNSHIFTS!

Measure 6 has an up-bow start. This is done for a coordinated ensemble finish. Prepare the bow near the point, ready to



## Position Drill

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Position Drill
All instruments are drilled in the positions in Bb major, both in the unison scale and through harmonic and contrapuntal voice leading.
Pupils should be asked to locate the shifts by line is played for the first time.

Violas have a new note
a high $F$ in measure 5 , II pos.
The bass goes up to IV


## 6/8 Review With Positions <br> And Counterpoint

Violins will locate the starting tone, Bb , in II pos., upwards from F , as shown. Students should make it a habit to quietly check their starting pitches whenever possible. This promotes individual responsibility and the ear-training component of their musical maturity.

Cellos use the extended fingerings in I to II pos. Differing fingerings are for drill purposes.
Basses will use both fingerings to improve their shifting skills.
All players should keep their bows on the string for the eighth rests. Observe the two styles of notation; the single flag and beamed eighths with a rest in between. This marks a group of three eighths. It adds rhythm drill to this line.


In The Style of a "Beethoven Canon"



In The Style of a "Beethoven Canon"

25 Moderate Speed
Canon in Bb Major
A Beethoven Canon has been adapted as a summary line for Bb major and the positions.

The bow stays on the string before the sixteenths.

Reminder: keep the right hand loose (relaxed) when playing the sixteenths.

At this point, students should recognize the shifts and positions alone.


# Chapter 11 - Extending the Positions <br> A, D and G Major 

## Instructional Guide

## Positions:

Violins, violas - III, Cello - III \& IV, Bass - V1/2 \& VI (V will occur in Chapter 12, Eb major) plus the G harmonic (VI)

## Objectives:

1. To be able to begin a piece in a higher position
2. To find new shifts to accomodate the demands of the music
3. To develop skills in down-shifting
4. To learn to extend the playing range
5. To play in two octaves with positions
6. To develop velocity

Teaching suggestions and performance hints are set forth in the score.

## General Teaching Hints:

FINGERING. New shifts are required in this Chapter. Staying in a higher position while sounding an open string is a new skill.

BOWING. Rapid alternations for sixteenth notes require a relaxed right arm and wrist.

New Positions - Vn, Va; III, Vcl, III \& IV
Bass, V1/2 -VI

New Shifts
Violin to 111 - "ti-do" shift.
Viola, Cello to II, whole-step shift in the scale.

Bass repeats previous shift to III, same as in D major.
$\frac{\text { GENERAL RULE FOR }}{\text { SHIFTING }}$ SHIFTING
For up-shifts, the whole hand moves as a unit thumb included. For down-shifts, the thumb starts slightly ahead of the hand. With control, this shift becomes a single mecomes

CAUTION:
Be certain that the hee] of the hand does not rest against the neck of the violin while shifting. Violins in third position should avoid resting against the upper bout. This will cause sharpness in wil cause sharpnes pitch and


## Position Drill

2 Melodic Ensemble with Counterthemes

Third Position Drill for Violin

With the smaller spacings between notes in the higher positions, aim to improve the independent finger placements. The ear is the guide.
Violins stay in third position while playing open $E$ in measures 5 \& 6 .

Viola has a new downshift, II tol, measures 4 \& 5 .

Counterthernes provide ensemble support.

The sixteenths are played with a loose right hand motion.


Violins III to I
Down-scale Half Step Shift "do - ti"
3 Chromatic Ensemble Support

Down-Shift III to I for Violin

Violins have the half-step downshift, "do-ti," step 8 to 7 in the scale.

Remember the thumb motion. The only difference is the greater shifting distance. The first finger stays down until replaced by the second, in the first position. At all times the ear, guided by the the ear, guided by the
harmony, leads the fingers to the pitches.
For the violin shift in the last measure, open A to high A, do it rhythmically, shifting right on the beat!
(Note the abbreviated sixteenths).


Preparatory Ensemble
for
"Flow Gently, Sweet Afton"


5 Unison

A Major Drill With Positions
Violins start with the hand in the third position while playing the up-beat note, E .
Position Drills:
Violins III, cellos II,
basses II, III 1/2, and IV.
For the violin interval $\mathrm{C} \#$ to high E , remain in the position. Small hands can move to the tone to avoid strain but must return to III position for $C \#$.

In measure 11, high D (ad lib) is played if position. The whole hand moves to D. A smooth down-shift is helped by the thumb.




Drill of High Tones for All instruments

Violins have a whole-step downshift. The thumb leads.

Viola and cello keep the hand in the third position while playing the open A string.

Bass has intervalic shifts requiring quick, rhythmical movements. The shifting finger stays down. The D major harmonies are the basis of finding the tones.

Play the eighth, two-sixteenth figures with a loose hand motion, in the upper part of the bow.

7 Ensemble with Counterthemes


## Down-shift Drills

"Do-Ti". 8 to 7 for Viola and Cello
Ensemble


Old Oaken Bucket
D Major Ensemble
Tones in Higher
Positions as Ensemble Drill

The preparatory lesting tones form an harmonic link with line 8 .
The theme in the lower instruments is joined by a descant, or obbligatio in the violins.

This ensemble is planned as a pitch drill in the higher positions.

The violin has a new down-shift of an interval of a third with the first finger, measure 4.


## Two Octave Drills in A Major



Broken Tonic chord
In Positions
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Position Arpeggios in Canonic Imitation.
Various new shifts in A major are introduced in the canonic patterns. These require very quick shifting moves.

The "feel" of the beat guides the tempo, from one position to another. The rests play an important part in the rhythm.

For cello, measure 3, stay in position while playing the open $A$. Same for violin, measures $3 \& 5$.

Use the upper part of the bow for the entire exercise. It is the most practical bowing style.


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The Arkansas Traveler
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G Major Review With Positions

Preparatory PitchTest and Rhythmic Drill as written in student books


Review of G Maior, Dotted Quarter-Eighth in 3/4, With Positions
Drill this rhythm (measure 2, above) on single tones and the $G$ major scale before playing the line. Use the "test" pitches in measure 1 to find the starting tone for line 13 .
Notating the eighths with single flags makes clear the use of the dot. (This rhythmic detail can be reviewed in Chapter 3, D major).

Viola and Cello have a whole-step shift to third position, measure 3 to $4, \mathrm{C}$ to D. Bass shifts a half-step, B to C.
These tones are repeated for a down-shift drill.

13 Drilling The Dotted-quarter Eighth



New Positions for Cello and Bass

Violins: Be ready with the up-bow on the string in measure 2.

Two new positions are introduced: Cello to IV, Bass to VI. They are an extension of the $G$ major scale into the higher positions along the scale

Discovering the new fingerboard areas thus becomes very easy. The natural ear-sense guides the intonation.

Bass plays the high G in VI position, as an harmonic first and second fingers MUST BE RAISED and the string touched lightly with the third finger. The
harmonic is an octave above the open $G$ string. (Refer to the principle of independent finger placements in the "Plan of the Book, " and in Chapter I, Ex. 5.). After the note is learn it with a firm finger pressure
The thumb rests on the fingerboard for the bass, VI pos.


First Noel
in D and G Major
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THiss $N_{\text {oll } 1 \text { in } G \text { and } D}$
 the third count pick-up.

Viola has a new down-shift from III to 1 in measure 7 . The whole hand goes directly to the first position with the thumb initiating the movement

Cellos, in measure 7, take the high $G$ as an extended fourth finger so as to be in place for the fo
hird position.

The melody modulates from $G$ to $D$ major,
employing the canonic style of ensemble

Measure 15 has the same ne down-shift for violin as the viola had in measure 7.

At measure 17, the bows stay on the string during the rest, ready for the pick-up in the viola, cello and bass parts.




# Chapter 12 - Eb Major 

Instructional Guide

## Positions:

Violins, violas - III, Celio - III \& IV (plus II position on the D string), Bass - V \& VI
Objectives:

1. To be able to play in a "lowered first position"
2. To improve fourth finger skills for violin and viola
3. To learn to extend the playing range in Eb up and down
4. To learn the dotted-eighth sixteenth in "eighth time"
5. To learn $9 / 8$ meter
6. To learn IV position (cellos) and V position (basses)

Teaching suggestions and performance hints are set forth in the score.
General Teaching Hints:
SINGING. New tunes are sung at first before playing in this Chapter!
BOWING. Long, smooth bow strokes will be required for the performance pieces in this Chapter. This is a good time to use vibrato.

Chapter 12 - Eb Major
Positions - Vn, Va; I to III, Vcl, I to IV
Bass, $1 / 2$ to VI

First Octave of Eb Maior - Without Signature
Think the leading tones, $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{Eb}$, as "ti-do," steps $7 \& 8$ of the Eb scale, with the moveable "do."

This key with three flats requires the left hand to be piaced in the lower placed in the low
position, generally referred to as "lowered first position."
Cello uses the extended finger spacings.

Bass employs half position through III $1 / 2$ position. The two staves for the bass give the range of two octaves.

Basses maintain the tones below the first octave through the leap of an position. Watch for position. Watch for 2 , half to first position.

## 1 Eb Major Scale - First Octave

Eb


2 Eb Major with Signature
Eb Major-With ${ }_{3 \text { Flats } \mathrm{Bb}}^{\text {Signature }} \mathrm{Ab}$

Reminder: Teachers Reminder:
should analyze the should analyze the signature with their
students, showing how the signature derives from the scale in line 1 The three necessary accidentals now appear at the beginning of the line.

This scale has two
rhythmic patterns. This adds drill in finger and bow timing.

Bass repeats the upper and lower tones of the key, with a variation of pizZ and arco. On the divisi with the B part pizz.


3 Ensemble
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Basic Chords
Basses introduce the lower tones with an interval of a sixth in the half position.
The basic chords, I, IV, V7 help the ear feel the intervallic design.
The rhythmic details at measure 13 require precise timing.
The "basic" piano part has counterthematic patterns
superimposed on the broken chords in the strings,
forecasting a tune to follow!


Viola must use both 4th finger and the open string in this line. This is very important in that it reguires the player to utilize the maximum width of first position.

Students with short fingers can move the hand slightly for the fourth finger extension and return to the natural position for the low first finger!

This can be done in a very smooth and subtle shifting style all within the low first position.



Eb Major - Second Octave With Positions
Eb Major-Violin Incomplete Second Octave


Arpeggios In The Second Octave
Violins, violas and cellos start with the upper fingerings. Bass has one set only.
Be sure to use the lower fingerings on Aflay. DEVELOP In each up-shift the shifting finger stays down until the next tone is placed, then released.
All down-shifts are best guided by the thumb initiating the shit. With practice actions should be as actions should be as
close as possible to a single movement!


Eb Scale With Lower Tones


## Chromatics

Review the chromatic ingering principles relative to the "same-finger" half-steps.
Play in six beats. Use both fingerings, upper set first.

Keep the bow on the string for the eighth rests in
and 3.




The Dotted Eighth and Sixteenth in 6/8 Time


Tieing First and Second Eighths for the Dotted Eighth And Sixteenth

"Pick-Up" ${ }^{\text {nn }} 6 / 8$
Think the 5 silent preparatory counts before the up-beat, or "pick-up."
Note the two tied eighth rests in 6/8, yielding to a quarter rest in measure 1.

Have the bow ready for a quick placement on the string for the sixth count.

The bow remains on the string for the rsts in measures 4 \& 5 .


Believe Me, If All Those Enduring Young Charms
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The Tune (rote)


Leading to $9 / 8$ Time
Rhythm Drills for "Beautify lDreamer"

Rote to Note!
Listen to the melody to gain the feeling of measure repeats the $6 / 8$ meter, leading to the dotted quarter and halt, created by

The chromatic note in measure three is played with the finger down on the string for the half-step shift.
Play in six at first, then a little faster, counting in two beats.

The violas and cellos have a position drill in measures 7 \& 8 . The two fingerings provide a valuable
shifting exercise.

The upper part of the bow is most practical for this rhythmic
figure

Beautiful Dreamer wake un-tome,
starlight and dew drop are waiting for thee, $\qquad$
13 The Drills: in 6 Then in 2
db $\mathrm{Eb} \quad \mathrm{E}^{\text {starlight and waiting for }}$


Extending the Scale into IV Position
for Cello
14 Ensemble Drill (in 9, then in 3)
6/8 Into 9/8/Time
The new meter of $9 / 8$ time is expanded
from $6 / 8$ by adding from $6 / 8$ by adding measure.

Play in nine beats first, then in three.
In measure three the cello extends the
scale line into the scale line into the IV position. This move is made from the
fourth finger to first finger as a "ti - do"
shift in the Eb scale. shift in the Eb scale.
[DO NOT USE THE BOTTOM OF THE NECK AS A GUIDE
TO THE IV POSITION]. Th position will be determined by the pitch sought, Eb.
Bass goes to V position also through pasitiono" shift. Shifting in all parts continues the
principle of the principle of the
scale-fine approach. A NEW STEP:
Measure four has a
long tied note, a long tied note, a dotted quarter joined into a single tone of
 nine eighths.


# Beautiful Dreamer 

Unison and Ensemble

## Melody in 9/8 Meter

This Sephen Foster melody is to be played twice. First time in unison, with all instrumenis playing the "A" hine. This gives each part an opportunity to play the melody with a piano accompaniment. An ensemble follows on the re-play, with all instruments playng the "B" part. The violins have a DESCANT, or obblivato part. The theme is in the lower voices, using the first octave and, for viola, a few tones into the second octave. The piano is tacet for the second time through.
This example makes use of the two-octave range in Eb.




Drilling Upper Octave of EbMajor

These ensemble designs employ the scale lines of the second octave, with positions.

Viola has a new down-shift, Eb to D, III to I, 2nd to 3rd finger in measure 3. Think of "Do-Ti" as the guiding pitches. The faster rhythrn., quarter to eighths, will require a speedier shift than previously, (Think of the thumb for the
"GOING-DOWN" shift).
Cello should aim to improve playing in the positions by practising both fingerings.

16 Drill of Eb Major - Upper Octave


Two-Octave Scale in Eb With Positions
17 Extendng the Scale Upwards



17 (cont'd).



Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffman"




Waltzing Doll
Unison With Canonic Ensemble
student book Ps. 42

Waltzing Doll Drill in Musicianship
The Poldini melody offers position experience in a little faster tempo.

The same shifting steps, along the scale line, are used in all parts to coordinate th string technic

Through canonic imitation experience is gained in ensemble performance. This in turn provides further drill for intonation, rhythm and harmony

19 Tempo di Valse

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| 6 |



# Chapter 13 - E Major 

Instructional Guide
Positions:
Violins, violas - III, Ceilo - III \& IV, Bass - VII/2
Objectives:

1. To be able to play in a "raised first position"
2. To understand "common time"
3. To play in canonic style
4. To gain confidence in the higher positions
5. To learn to read double sharps
6. To apply these learnings to performance ensembles

Teaching suggestions and performance hints are set forth in the score.

## General Teaching Hints:

READING. New, sophisticated notations are introduced in this chapter
BOWING. Rapid articulations are required for the performance pieces.

Chapter 13-E Major
with previous positions and
bass extending to VI $1 / 2$ position
(ex. 8)

First Octave of E Maior Without Signature

1 E Major Scale - First Octave



2 E Major with Signature





E Major Canonic Arpeggios



E Major - Second Octave

$\frac{\text { Arpeggins with }}{\text { Positions }}$ Positions
Violins and violas learn this line with two sets of fingerings. This will improve position playing in this key

For the rest patterns, keep the bow on the string after measure one.

In all shifts KEEP THE SHIFTING FINGER DOWN UNTIL THE NEXT ONE IS PLACED (providing it is a different finger!).

Donot jump or hop in Do not jump or hop in must be done smoothly and inaudibly.

6 Arpeggios with Positions


Lower extension of $E$ major

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7 (cont'd) Lowest extension of E Major $\square$
15 countertheme


Ensemble With Positions And Higher Extensions

Higher Tones in E Major
Violin extends the fourth finger to high Es, in III position. Keep it on the string for the half-step shift. Make sure that fingers $1,2 \& 3$ are raised and relaxed.

Viola, cello and bass extend the E major scale to the start of THE THIRD OCTAVE, WITH PTTCHESEF\#, G\#.

Cello alternates the positions and extension lingerings
Bass: play high GH firmly placed. Remember that THE THUMB RESTS ON FINGERBOARD THE VI $1 / 2$ POSITION.


9 Scale Designs in Contrary Motion with Chromatics

Extended Two
Octaves in E Major
New Chromatics, A+
The full two-octave and extended range of E major is used with contrapuntal
contrary motion in cello and bass. This offers new harmonic and intonation values.
New chromatics (A \# and Px) are
introduced for the first time. The double-sharp sign ( $\mathbf{x}$ ) is explained in the score. The general rule for chromatic movement is applied: the finger and slides between the adjacent chromatic tones.

In measure 12, the cellos and basses have a double sharp
cancelled by a single sharp. This is sometimes notated
with a natural sign f cancelling the first sharp) followed by a single sharp sign.

A New Chromatic - The Double Sharp


Baroque Ensemble in E Major


Preparatory Drills for "Londonderry Air"

Half Note Tied To An Eighth

This first drill presents the half note tied to an eighth, as demanded by the melody,
"Londonderry Air."
The notation is shown with the beamed and single-flagged eighths for reading drill.
The rest patterns in measures 5 \& 6 develop the rhythmic "feel" for the pick-up They occur here as the last part of a full measure.

The intonation of this line and line 12 prepares for line 13, the "Air" itself!

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"Londonderry" Shifts
This second drill explores the position problems to be found in the "Air." The shifting intervals are drawn from the melody.

Viola, cello and bass drill the high tones of E major, anticipating their later employment.

The last measure uses the pick-up tones D\#, E, F\# as a rhythmical preparation for the beginning of the "Air."

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Londonderry Air (Irish Tune from County Derry)


13 Moderato - Unison
student book pg. 44
Londonderry Air-
The piano
introduction shows how the "pick-ups" Some versions begin directly with the first D\#. In this case the the silent preparatory counts, or, just give one eighth beat to start.
If the upper octave tones for viola, cello 15 are too difficult, play the lower tones. for enriched sonority in the unison.

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 "Dixje"
The rhythmic drills are taken from the tune.

The dotted-eighth sixteenth is reviewed in measures $7,8,9$. The tie of three sixteenths
into the dotted-eighth should be stressed.

The syncopation, eighth-quarter-eighth, is also developed using the tie in
measures 11,12 and 13.

The piano's steady pulse supports the subdivisions of the beat.


Dixie
A Southern Tune in Unison
siudent book pg. 45
15 Quite Lively
Dixie
The meoldy is played in unison with first and second endings.
Viola and cello have a new step using the half position (H.P.) in measure 15. For this, extend the first finger back for the low GF. hand for the next tone, E, played with the second finger. This is the preferred fingering, expecially in quick tempos. In meas, 16 the hand
slips back into the first position for F \#.

The low $G$ in meas 19 requires a
different finger and hand action for viola and cello. Extend the irst finger back while staying in first position.



Preparation for "Carnival of Venice"
The tune itself provides details for study. Flay first in a moderate six beats, then in tempo, in 2.

Drill the up-beats for $6 / 8$ meter in the lower part of the bow, keeping it on the string for the rests.

Measures 6 \& 7 introduce sixteenths in two patterns. A steady beat helps develop rhythmic details.

Measure 11 has two fast down-bows. Lift the bow slightly for this stroke. Here violins stay in third position for the $B$ and $E$.

The last measure has the same rhythm detail as in meas. 11, but varied as a triplet and quarter tied to an eighth. Now it uses a an eighth. Now it uses a
down and up stroke, bow remaining on the string.

The chromatics Fx and A\# are reviewed with each instrument having its own fingering.




# Chapter 14 - Major \& Parallel Minor Keys of G, D, E, F 

Instructional Guide
Positions:
Previous positions with cello to II on G string
Objectives:

1. To understand the evolution of signatures in parallel minor keys
2. To play in all three minor forms; natural, harmonic and melodic
3. To perform melodies in the minor keys

Teaching suggestions and performance hints are set forth in the score.

## General Teaching Hints:

THEORY. Scale structure can be introduced here for students in a practical manner.
BOWING. The performance pieces require phrasing with the bow.

## Chapter 14

Major \& Parallel Minor Keys
of G, CEF
G Major and Minor


Three Minor Modes
2 G minor - natural, or parailel minor form
$\frac{\text { G minor-Natural }}{\text { Forn, Without and }}$
With Signature
Each minor is derived out of the parallel related major. Both have the same tones up and down the scall Lines, therefore, called the "parallel minor."

The first altered form of the major scale here used is the Natural Minor. It has the lowered 3rd, 6th and 7th steps, in both directions.

The minor signature, as with the major, is derived from the
accidentals in the scale. In this case, it is the The $F \#$ is cancelied to $F$ The $F \#$ is cancelled to as shown in the scale and signature, first time only. This leaves two flats from the scale for the true signaiure of $G$ minor.


2 (cont'd) G minor - with signature



Go Down, Moses
$G$ minor, harmonic form
4 Unison - Moderato
student book pg. 47
$\frac{\text { Go Down Moses-G }}{\text { Ginor - Harmonic }}$ minor-Harmonic Form
This spiritual summarizes the alterations for $G$ minor. Although the melody does not have the lowered sixth step (Eb) in it, the harmonic patiern the harmon

The syncopated figure in measure 7, a variation of measure 3, requires a short, quick stroke for the first $\mathrm{F} \#$. Be sure to give the full rhythrucal value to the repeated $F$ 咅, with the repeated $F H$, with
its tied pattern. In its tied pattern. In
the next to the last the next to the last
measure, this same measure, this same
figure is notated in the original form.

The piano parts have a semblance of the melodic and harmonic minor modes. These are primariily interwoven primaniy in
as musical
composition in order composition in ord
to add color and to add color and tonal variety.



C Major and Minor

5 C major
C major and $C$ minor
This, and the following major keys, develop their minor forms and signatures as in $G$ FROM MAJOR TO
THE NATURAL,
HARMONIC AND MELODIC MINOR FORMS, using the PARALLEL MINOR ABROACH

The triplet figures are played in the same speed as the previous quarter notes.

Drill both fingerings in the CELLOS.

C major (with signature)


6
C minor - natural, or parallel minor form
C minor - with signature
(students' books have signatures boxed, for emphasis



Paganini Melody

Paganini in C Minor (melodic form)
Who was Paganini? This is a good "extra-credit" assignment for students!

This line is played in unison and, on the repeat, the lowervoices play the harmony parts for an ensemble tinish.

Observe the modulation, or change of key, to Eb major at meas. 9. This is called the RELATIVE
MAJOR because it uses the same
tonality,based on three flats. However, the melodic minor is the basic tonality.

Play this line TWICE:
1-Unison melody with piano
2-Repeat melody until the last four measures db take the harmony


8 (cont'd)
student book pg. 48


## E Major and Minor

Emaior
This line follows the
previously established formula
for establishing the for establishing the
major key and its signature,
The $6 / 8$ meter going into $3 / 4$ with the SAME PULSE offers a new concept in rhythmic design.
Where two sets of fingerings are given use the first position the first time and the alternative set on successive replays.
Remember - all shifts are to be done smoothly and with good rhythm.



EMinor-Natural Earm

This key has lowered the 3 rd, 6 th and 7 th steps from $E$ major (G\#, C\#, D\#) to their naturals, leaving one sharp ( $\mathbf{F}$; ) for the key signature.
The meter change of $6 / 8$ to $2 / 4$ is guided by the beat of three eighths expressed as a dotted-quarter, followed by the two eighth figure in $2 / 4$, also as a single pulse.

The pace of thetwo eighths in $2 / 4$ will be slightly slower than the three eighths in $6 / 8$.
REMINDER!
Students should learn the signatures for each key, major and minor.


11 E minor, harmonic form


E minor, melodic minor form


Aria from 'The Pearl Fishers"
E minor - Natural Form
12 Andante, in 2 -Unison
"Pearl. Fishers"
Natural minocon E
This famous aria from Bizet's opera of the same name uses the natural minor, giving it an ancient, oriental flavor. This mood or mode is MEDIEVAL MODE (in the 17 th century).

In measure 6 , there are the lowered 6 th and 7 th steps ( $C$ to $D$ ) for the ascending natural minor scale.

The bass shifts should be done very smoothly and quietly so as not to disturb the ensemble of the other parts.
The aria modulates beautifully to B major before measure 19 and then back to E minor. The harmonies and counterpoint of the accompaniments provide added interest to this line.
Be sure to observe the fermata, or hold in measure 20. The note is held somewhat longer than its written value. music of the romantic style of Bizet's time.

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12 (cont'd)
19 student book pg. 49


F Major and Minor
13 F major (with signature)
F major (natural form)
F Major -F Minor
Natural Form
F major goes directly to its parallel minor, natural form.

Signatures: the accidentals are
transerred to the staff.

Viola to III pos. Whole and half-step shifts; same for cello and bass!
Cello: 1 to III \& II to III. Play this line with both sets of fingerings. They are both important for improving facility.

Bass: H.P.- III to V. Note that the fingerings change between major and minor!

Shifting Rule: On the up-shift the whole hand moves. On the down-shift, the thumb leads.


14 F minor -with signature, harmonic form
F minor - melodic form

EMinor-Harmonic and Melodic Forms
The bass has a shift of 1 1/2 steps for the harmonic minor, from III $1 / 2$ pos. to V pos., Precise shifts are required.
The melodic minor uses different fingers for the up and down
shifts for cello and bass, as in $C$ minor and $E$ minor


15 Rhythm Drill for "Dark Eyes" student book pg. 50
Preparatory Drillfor
"Dark Eyes"
The F minor group introduces anew chromatic, Bb to B . It comes from the opening notes of the melody. A scale-iine introduction assists the intonation.

Measure 3 prepares for Measure 3 prepares for
the melody's pick-up notes. The bow comes off the string before the $B$ natural.

Measures 4-5-6 act as preparatory steps leading to the dotted quarter-eighth figure of "Dark Eyes," Observe
the tie over the barline the tie over the

Cello has a new shift to II pos, a whole step on the G string, in the first Counts are shown in each student book.


"Dark Eyes"
Ochichornye - F minor
16 In A Free Style - start slowly, then increase speed



# Chapter 15 - Ab Major 

## Alla Breve (Cut Time)

Instructional Guide

## Positions:

All instruments play in positions previously learned.

## Objectives:

1. To be able to play in cut-time (alla breve)
2. To learn the "Scotch Snap" rhythm
3. To play in syncopation
4. To play dotted rhythms in cut-time
5. To play a piece with a key change
6. To apply these learnings to a Mozart excerpt

Teaching suggestions and performance hints are set forth in the score.

## General Teaching Hints:

READING. New rhythmic notations are introduced in this chapter

## Chapter 15

## Ab Major

(with modulations to Bb major and E minor;
From Common Time to Alla Breve)
Ab Major Scale - First Octave (without signature)


Common time $\frac{9}{\frac{9}{6} \text { és }}$ to Alla Breve (Cut Time)

Alla Breve is an Italian term used in music when playing $4 / 4$ time at a fast playing $4 / 4$ time at a fas
speed, usually twice as fast. Two beats are counted in each measure instead of four, mainly instead of four, mai
for convenience. Alla Breve is also called" cut time," because the symbol $C$, from common time,has beer Begin this line in four beats, getting faster and faster on each replay until a definite two pulse is attained. Counting should be one 2 Two quarters equal one count $\Gamma \Gamma=$ The sign for Common Tme is Cut in Half! two, for a true alla breve


3 Broken Chords


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Broken Thitds in Ab
Pupils will benefit by trying this line pizzicato at first in order to concentrate on getting the $D b$ properly placed.

The chromatics in the The chromatics in the
full piano part hone the ear because of the harmonic surprises. With repetition, these sounds will become a natural musical development in Ab major

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5 Ab Major Scale -Second Octave (without signature)

Second Octave of $A b$
Lower voices will use positions previously problems need to be reviewed for this key.

Violin has the fuill second octave. The lower instruments the

Remember the alla breve. Play this line first in four beats (moderato) then, in two (allegro).

This key begins with a fingered tone. Take this opportunity to seek finger technic through INDEPENDENT FINGER PLACEMENTS. This is the artistic style of playing a string instrument!


6 Alla Breve Ensemble Scale (in 2)

Second Octave
EnsembleDrillinab
Remind the cellos that in measures $7 \& 8$ the fourth finger is not lifted from the string betweer Ab and G , and Db and C .

The basses have a "replacement shift" between measures 4 \& 5 . The pitch (C) is repeated but with a different position!
Students interested in musical structure can be shown how the four scale
lines are woven into an ensemble.


7 Arpeggios in Cut Time student book Pg .52

The Tie in Cut-Time Dotted half with guarter and two halves tied equal a whole note.
To learn the tie in alla breve do not hesitate to start slowly, with the usual 4 beats to the measure the first time on subsequent replays established.

Try this line pizzicato at furst so that the pupils car play and count easily.

When bowing in four
beats, the dotted half beats, the dotted haif
requires a long stroke followed by a faster one for the fourth quarter. In alla breve, both strokes are shortened, guided by the beat.

The piano weaves counter-themes into the fabric of this line.
Violinists may recognize motives from "From The Gardner



Lower Extension of Ab Scale
for Viola, Cello and Bass

## 8 Ab Ensemble




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10 Syncopation Drill for "Good Night Ladies"

as in the tune in line 11, is also known as the "Scotch Snap." It occurs frequently in old English melodies. It is the reverse of the common rhythmic motive of long
and short notes to short and short notes to short
and long notes with the and long notes with the accent on the longer, or
heavier note. This is the syncopated form.
Prepare this rhythm slowly, in four, then speed up until the two pulse is felt.
(To review syncopation, see Chapter 13 , nos. 14 \&
 15.)


Good Night, Ladies
Unison in Ab and Ensemble, $\mathbf{B b}$ Major
student book pg .53
11 Unison - Ab
Good NiphtL Ladiest
Modulationi Ab to Bb
Major
This melody
emphasizes the "Scotch Snap" rhythm in syncopated form. In the song text the two syllable word "ladies" would benotated by sixagle flag eighths. This is shown in measure
two. Thereafter, these two. Thereafter, these
eighths are notated in beam style to conform to instrumental notation protocols.

Accent the first eighth of the "snap" to preven its performance as an up-beat.

The modualtion in measure 8 goes to Bb major.

The ensemble has contrapuntal imitation of the "Scotch Snap"
figure.
In measure 5 , the piano counter-motive comes from the final phrase of his tune in .its original song-form.


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Steps to Mozart
Bb Major to E Minor

12 Bb Major, without signature
student book pg. 53


13 E minor - Harmonic
5 student book pg. 53
Mozartion Drill Eminor-Harmonic Hom
The character of this scale pattern, in the hays the ground work for lays the groundwork for the pitches and
in the Mozart
symphony excerpt.
Play from the middle to the upper section of the bow. Emphasize the quarter notes a little more than the eighths. This is the style of rhythmic phrasing in the Mozart symphonic

As usual, drill slowly, until secure.



## MOZART ENRICHMENT

A SUMMARY OF ALLA BREVE

This theme, a fragment from the $G$ minor symphony of Mozart, has been adapted to the key of $E$ minor, harmonic form. The technical revisions were planned to fit into the educational concepts of this book. It summarizes the various alla breve examples, as logically developed in this chapter. The two eighth note pattern, previously drilled as a study of the up-beat ("pick-up") now appears in its natural form in the opering phrase.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERPRETATION

The piece is to be played twice. For the first time through, the A part is a unison solo, with piano. The second time offers a simplified orchestral style of ensemble with violins divisi, $A \& B$; the others playing the B part, as harmony. Piano is tacet.

A gentle style of performance is a first requisite for this theme. The A part "sings" in a melodic manner. The B part is more rhythmical in its supporting character. Use the middle to upper bow for the theme. The harmony part sounds best when played nearer the point, with a staccato, slightly marked stroke. Aim for accurate rhythm.

Play softly ( $p$ ). A new codetta, or finish, based on the original has been added from measure 26. It calls for a modest crescendo to a forte ( $f$ ), to the end.

The genius of Mozart serves well as a summary of this book which is dedicated to young string players everywhere.

## Mozart Theme <br> Adapted and Transposed from the G Minor symphony

Unison and Ensemble
15
E minor - Melodic and Harmonic Forms
student book pg. 54






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