Beyond the Method Book:

Finding and utilizing best supplemental resources that will excite and motivate your string students

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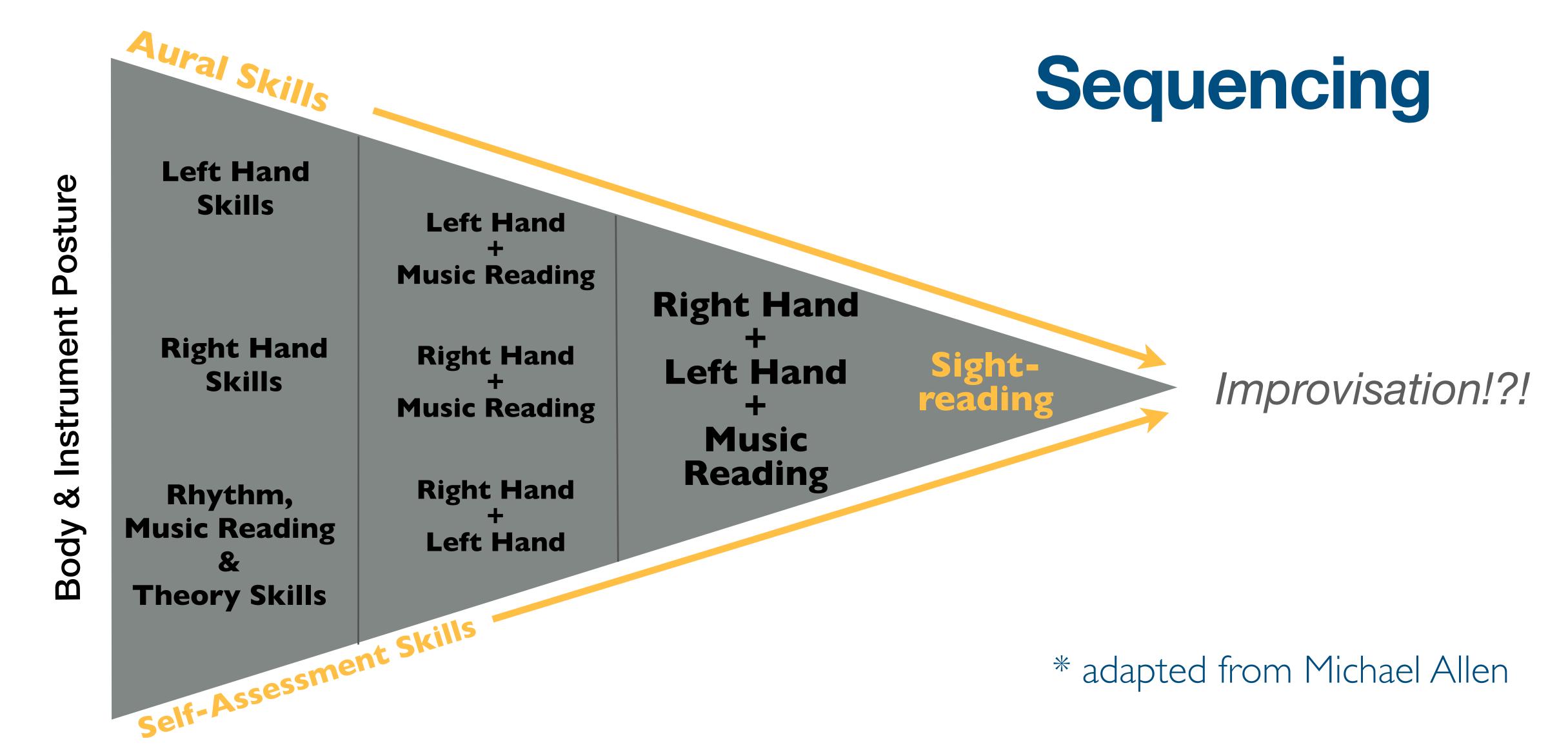
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Obtaining the best materials and resources

- In print
- Electronically
- Online

- There is no "one size fits all" book for every situation
- The best teachers seek out a wide variety of materials from different publishers and sources



 Where and when do we supplement and implement new material in the existing pedagogical sequence of method books?

Practice Sequence Based on the Sequencing Model

- Say or sing passage to be learned or reinforced (MR)
- Pizzicato only (MR+LH)
- Air Bow, Shadow Bow, Open String Bow (MR+RH)
- Play (MR+RH+LH)
- Repeat or reinforce or Loop back to fix issues

Materials for different levels

- Beginners keeping them going during their first year
- Intermediate expanding technique and musical understanding while keeping them excited and engaged
- Advanced synthesis, putting it all together

Materials for different instruments

- Providing "non-melody" instruments with more exciting material
 - Students use Noteflight to write out melodic material in the concert pieces
- Expanding the capabilities of cello and bass players

Motivation

- Bridging the "gaps" in traditional instruction
- Introducing tunes from pop culture ("on the radio")
- Diversity of Composers (female composers, ethnicity, etc.)
- Alternative/Eclectic styles (rock, pop, fiddle, jazz)
- Non-western music in the string classroom
- Chamber Music
- Solos

Solos and Etudes Correlated with Skills

Crossing the Bridge: Correlating Solo and Etude Literature

Summary of Skills Taught in most beginning method books like Essential Elements for Strings

Essential Elements for Strings, Book One

- Rhythms: quarter, eighth, half, dotted half, and whole notes
- Keys: D, G & C Majors

Essential Elements for Strings, Book Two

- Keys: C, G, D, A, F, & Bb Majors, plus g & d minors
- Rhythms: dotted notes, eighth notes/rests, sixteenth notes, syncopation, 6/8 meter, mixed meter, cut time and triplets
- Shifting to and from harmonics
- Finger patterns for violins and violas

Essential Technique for Strings, (Book Three)

- Keys: C, G, D, A, F, Bb & Eb Majors, plus a, e, d, g, & c minors
- Positions:
 - 1. Violin/viola: I, II, III, IV, V
 - 2. Cello: 1/2, I ex, II, II ex, II 1/2, III, III ex, IV,
 - IV ex* 3. Bass: 1/2, I, II, II 1/2, III, III 1/2, IV,

V, V 1/2*

*Other positions appear in scales and finger patterns as needed

Advanced Technique for Strings

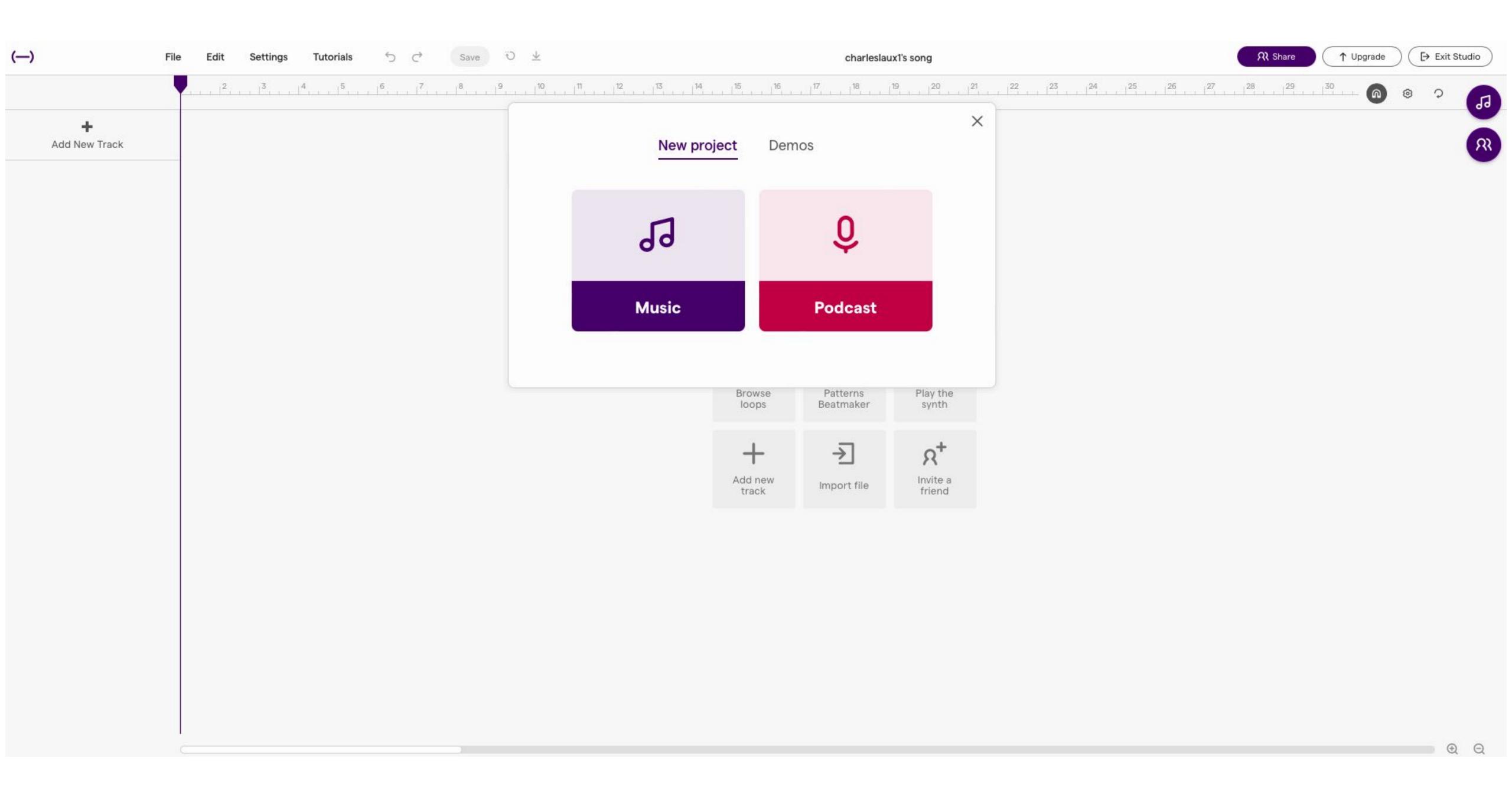
- Three octave major scales and arpeggios: C, G, D, A, E, B, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, & Db
- Three octave minor scales and arpeggios: a, e, b, f#, d, g, c, & f

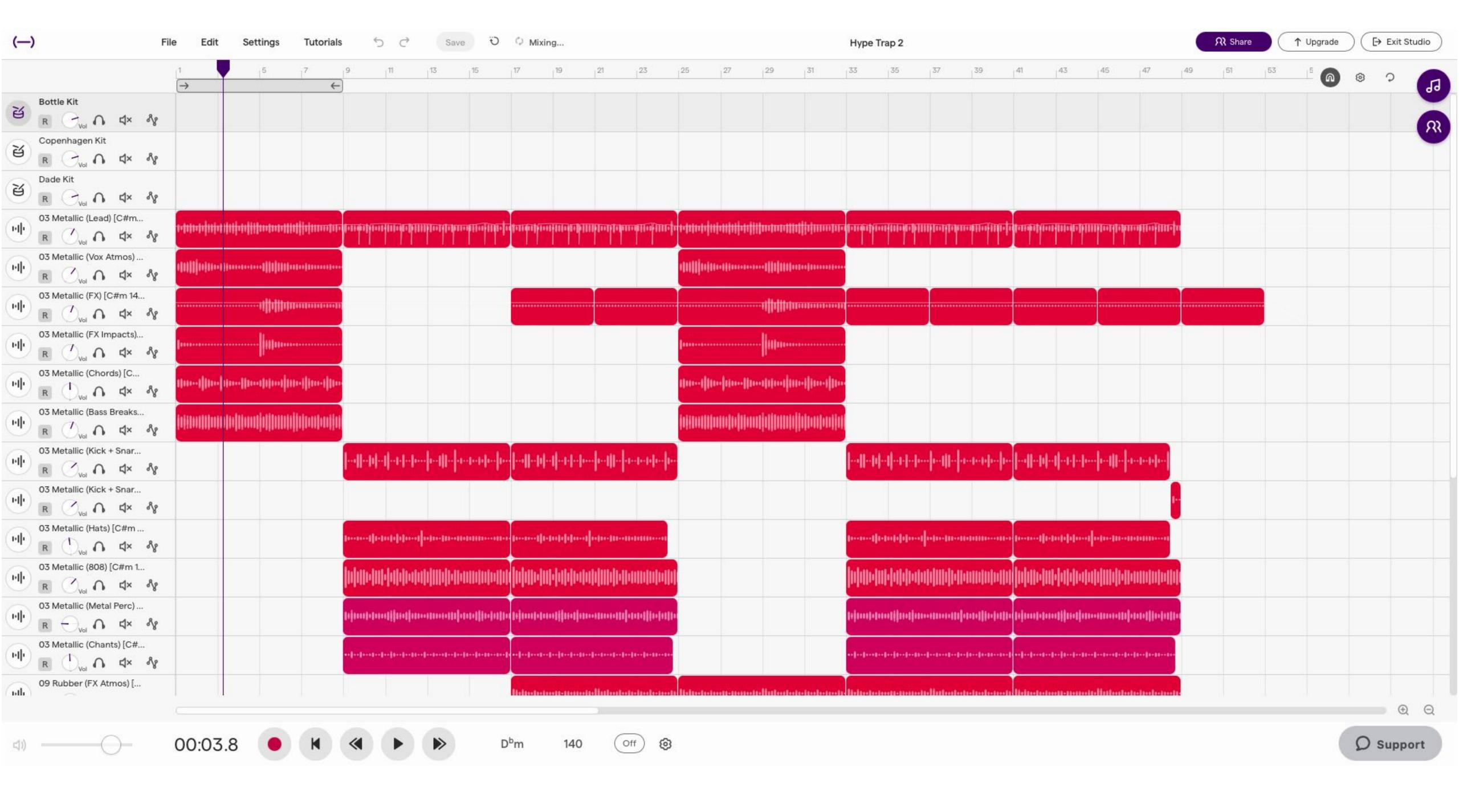
Improvisation

- Freeing students from sheet music from day one
- Strategies to expand sheet music with improvisation quickly and easily (lead sheets, chord progressions, etc.)

- SoundTrap.com A collaborative digital audio workstation on your web browser. Great for creating tracks, loops, etc.
 - Free and paid options.







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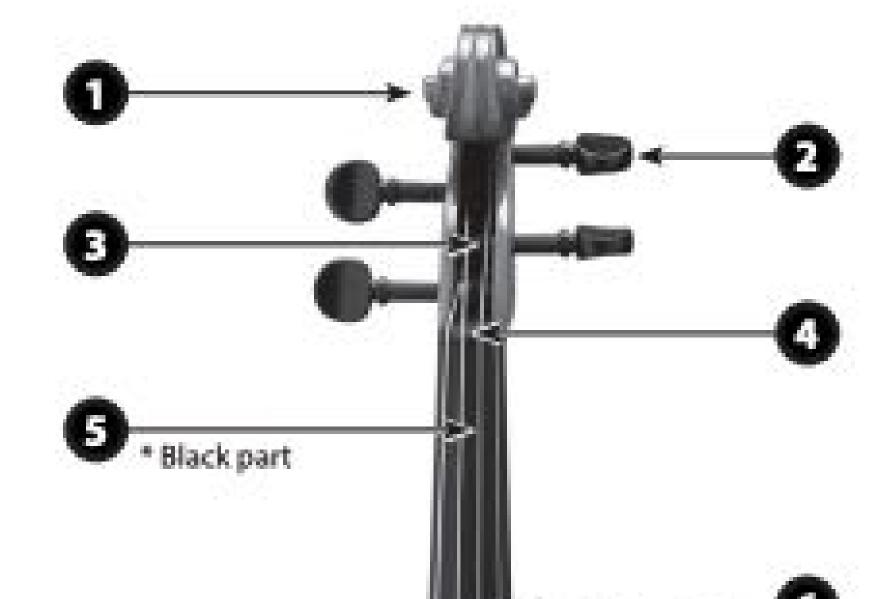


PARTS OF THE INSTRUMENT

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Label the parts of the violin:



Answers:

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3.

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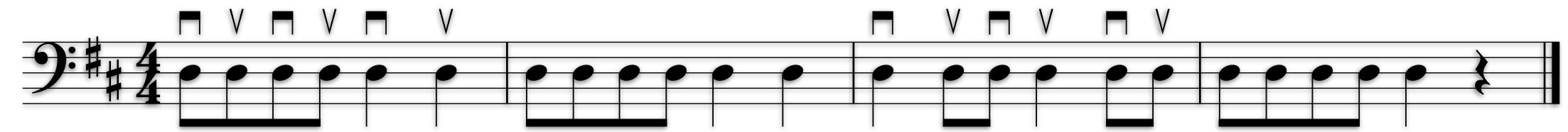


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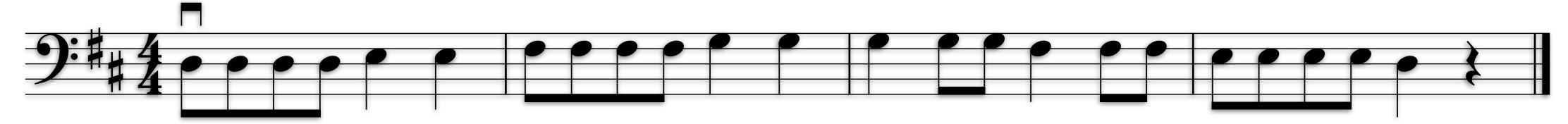
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Cello

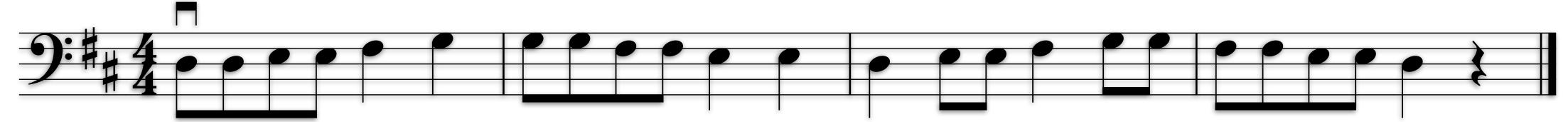
Count carefully.



2. Move the bow faster for eighth notes and slower for quarter notes



3. Keep your bow parallel to the bridge.



4. Is your bow hand shaped correctly?

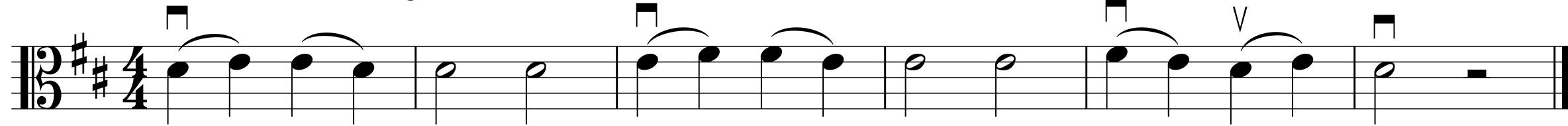


SLURRING STUDIES #1

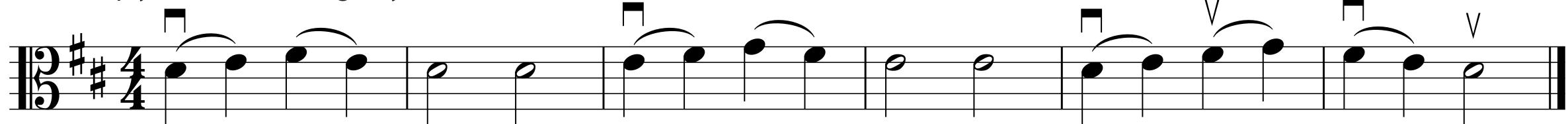
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Viola

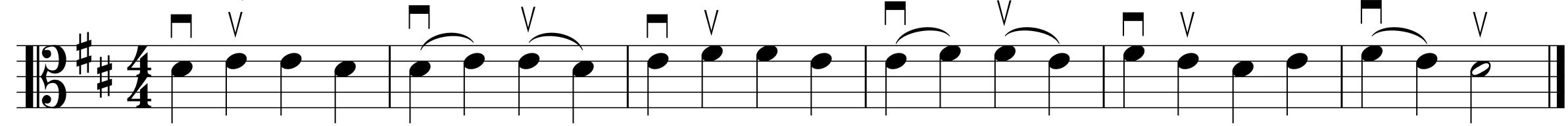
1. Be sure to follow the slurring.



2. Keep your bow moving as you slur the notes.



3. Be sure to play in tune.



4. Play the note A with the fourth finger as indicated.







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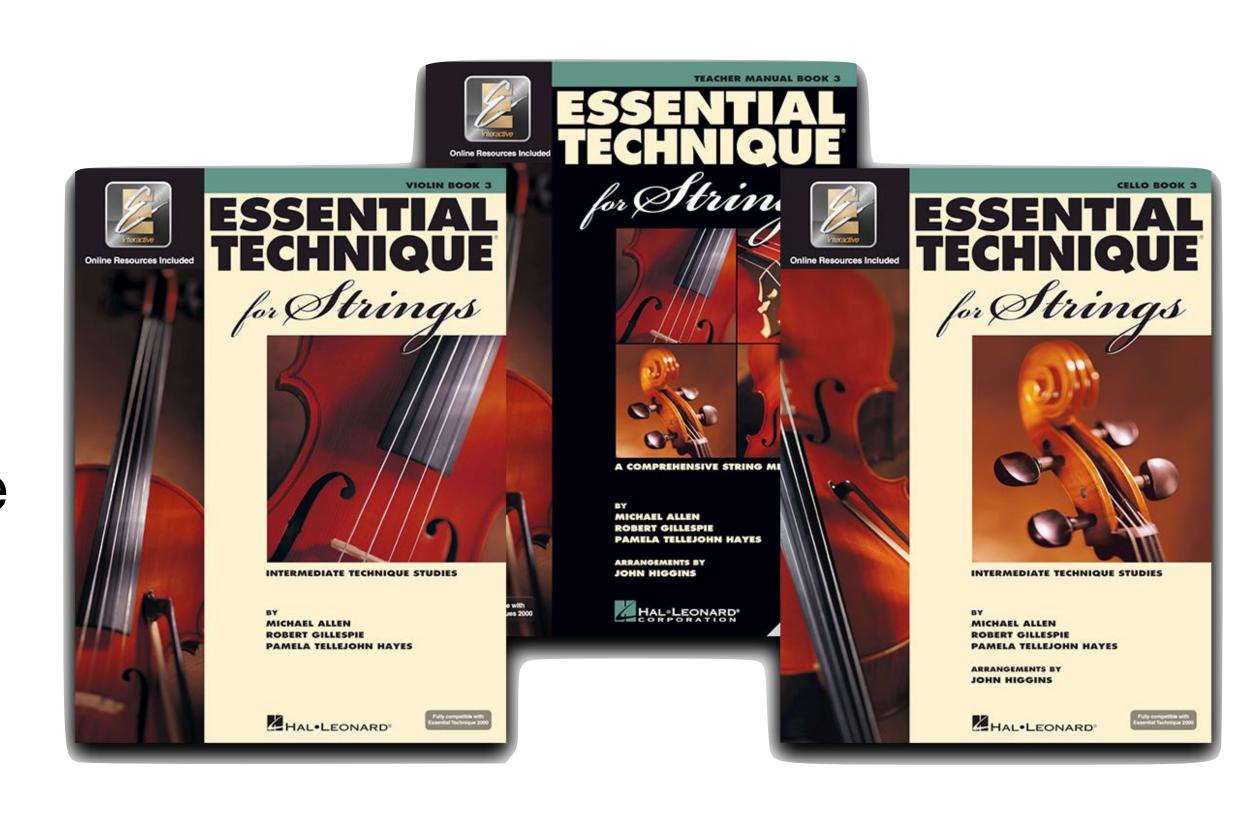
Technique & Musicianship Enhancement

Technique Books

- Be SURE to use an advanced technique book
- Isolate skills so they know them BEFORE they find them in repertoire

Vibrato Books

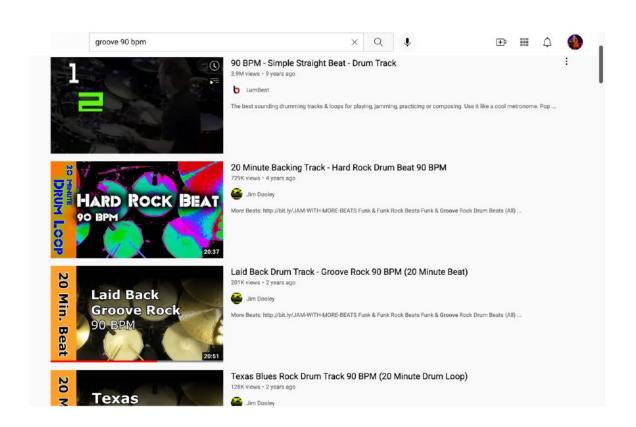
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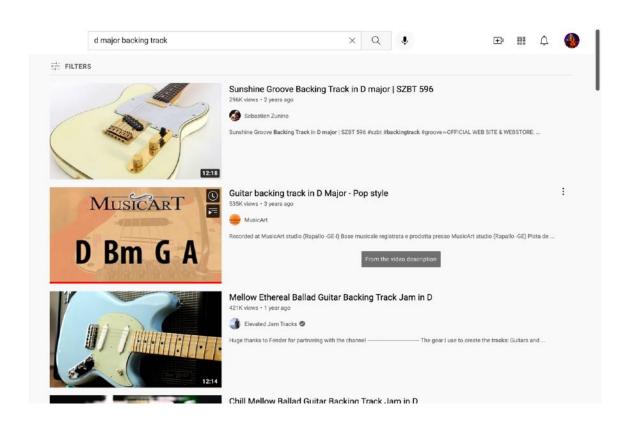


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Improvisation

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- Christian Howes play along videos



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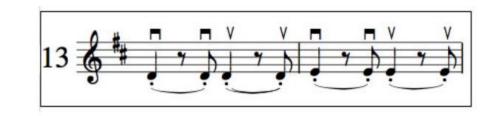
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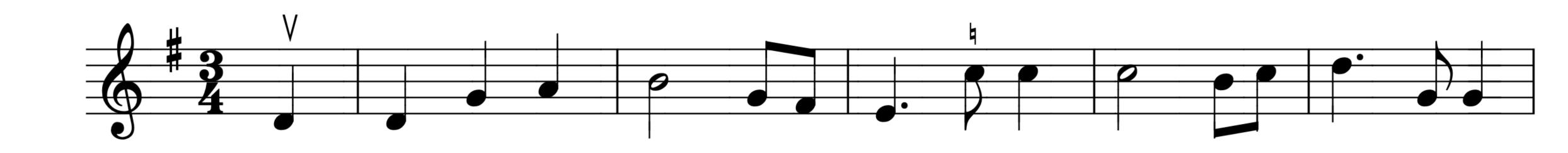
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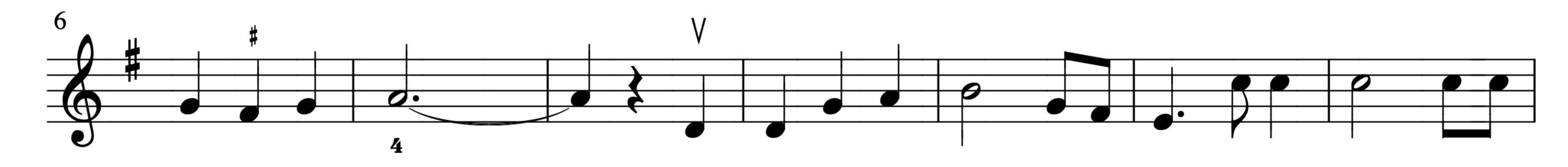


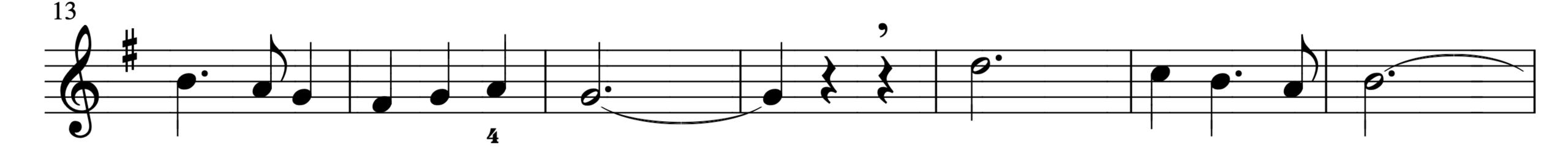


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Violin







Sightreading

- Resources for sightreading
 - Habits of a Successful String Musician (Chris Selby)
 - 130+ sightreading examples
- Include short sightreading excerpts as a part of your daily or weekly routine
 - Choose level by key, meter, etc.
 - Easy to put up three lines (treble, alto, bass clef)

VIII Sight-Reading by Level

A. Quarter Notes and Rests; Eighth Notes



B. Ties, Dotted Quarter Notes and Eighth Rests



C. Syncopation



D. Intermediate Triple Meter

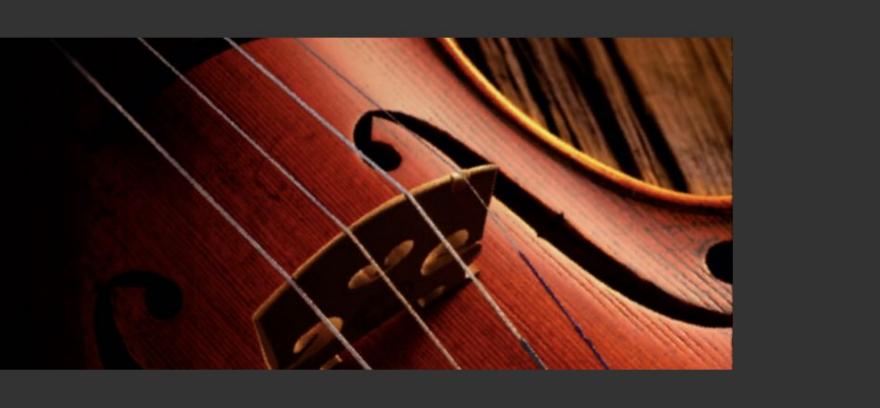


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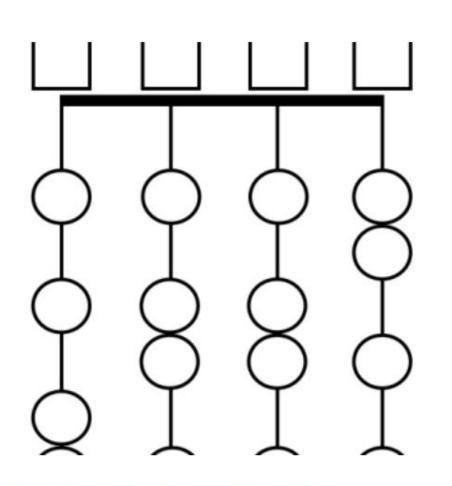
D Major



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Finger patterns used:

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