



**Pathways through the  
Violin Syllabus**

**BOWED STRINGS SYLLABUS FROM 2024  
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PATHWAY	INITIAL	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3
<b>PATHWAY 1:</b> These pieces require rhythmic accuracy and articulation to be communicated.	A1: Happy Hippo Hop by Lloyd Coleman	A1: The Sword Knott by Sancho	A1: Da Rod to Moreview by T. Anderson	A2: Loure by Telemann
	C1: Crunch Time by Nancy Litten	A2: Mer hahn en neue Oberkeet by J. S. Bach	A2: Gavotte by F. Couperin	A3: Reigen by Baklanova
		C2: Hoe Down by Peter Martin	C1: Little Dance by Carse	C1: I got plenty o' nuttin' by G. & I. Gershwin, D. & D. Heyward
<b>PATHWAY 2:</b> These pieces have a legato, expressive quality, and requires an increasing awareness and control of the melodic line.	A3: Pwt ar y Bys Trad. Welsh	A3: The Wind that Shakes the Barley Trad. Irish	B2: Hallelujah by L. Cohen	A1: Blackberry Blossom Trad. American
	B2: Blowin' in the Wind by Bob Dylan	B1: Moonrise by Bernard Shore	C3: Lady Meng Jiang Trad. Jiangu	B1: Sleep Song by Humperdinck
	B3: Au clair de la lune Trad. French	B2: An Coineachan Trad. Scottish		B2: Ashokan Farewell by Jay Ungar
<b>PATHWAY 3:</b> These pieces require a deepening understanding of characterisation and awareness of musical interaction with the accompaniment.	A2: The Old Woman and the Pedlar Trad. English	C1: The Flintstones by Barbera, Hanna & Curtin	A3: Écossaise in G by Beethoven	C2: Rebecca - A Rumba by N. Mackay
	B1: The Knights' Pavane by Althea Talbot-Howard	C3: Siyahamba Trad. Zulu	B1: Climb Ev'ry Mountain by Rodgers & Hammerstein	C3: A Shanty for Ludwig by James B. Wilson
	C2: Grizzly Bear by Christopher Norton		B3: Lake of Ice by Shruthi Rajasekar	

GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
A2: Ragtime Annie Trad. American	A1: Giga by Corrette	A1: Giga by Bonporti	A3: Vivace by Telemann	A1: Allegro by Dauvergne
A3: Vivace by A. Veracini	A3: Giga by Jean Baptiste Loeillet	C1: Moderato by Marga Richter	B2: Playera by Sarasate	A2: Allegro con spirito by Mozart
C2: Danse espagnole by Lagye	C3: Czardas by Hille	C2: The Deil among the Tailors by J. S. Skinner	C3: Bolero by Hubay	C3: Mazurka No. 2 by Drdla
A1: Prelude by Bacewicz	A2: Allegro attrib. Handel	A2: Allegro by Vivaldi	A2: Allegro assai by Albinoni	B1: Romance by A. Beach
B1: The Legend of Ashitaka by Joe Hisaishi	B1: Romance by Andrée	B2: Chanson de nuit by Elgar	B1: Allegretto non troppo by Mel Bonis	C1: D'un matin de printemps by L. Boulanger
C1: Butterfly by Ewa Iwan	B2: Leaving Home Trad. Shanxi	B3: Romance by Pejačević	C1: Sérénade by Arensky	C2: Varsha by Reena Esmail
B2: The Deserted Garden by F. Price	B3: A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square by Sherwin & Maschwitz	A3: Toreador Song by Bizet	A1: Allemande by J. Gibbs	A3: Allegro moderato by Nardini
B3: Ländler by Holst	C2: Moderato by Tailleferre	B1: Andante by Burleigh	B3: Morceau by Barns	B2: African Dance No. 2 by S. Coleridge-Taylor
C3: Fly me to the moon by Bart Howard		C3: In a Spanish Garden by Trott	C2: Elfentanz by F. Price	B3: Un poco triste by Suk

## BOWED STRINGS SYLLABUS FROM 2024 PIECES FROM ABRSM PUBLICATIONS

VIOLIN		
Baroque Violin Pieces, Book 1	<b>GRADE 3</b>	A8 - Gavotta
Baroque Violin Pieces, Book 3	<b>GRADE 5</b>	A13 - Allemanda
Encore Violin, Book 1	<b>GRADE 1</b>	A4 - Mattachins
Encore Violin, Book 2	<b>GRADE 4</b>	A9 - Rondeau C12 - Valse Lente
Encore Violin, Book 3	<b>GRADE 5</b>	B6 - Sicilienne
	<b>GRADE 6</b>	B4 - Nocturne C4 - Bolero C5 - Youngsters' Dance
First Violin, Book 3	<b>GRADE 4</b>	A7 - Rondeau
Violin Mix 1, arr. Blackwell and Blackwell	<b>INITIAL GRADE</b>	A12 - Autumn C13 - Let us chase the squirrel
	<b>GRADE 1</b>	A11 - Chevalier's Rondeau C12 - Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
Violin Mix 2, arr. Blackwell and Blackwell	<b>GRADE 1</b>	C11 - The Hippopotamus
	<b>GRADE 2</b>	A11 - Rondeau Theme C11 - I want to be ready
Violin Mix 3, arr. Blackwell & Blackwell	<b>GRADE 3</b>	A11 - Rondo alla Hornpipe C12 - Halya carries water
Violin Star 2, arr. Huws Jones	<b>GRADE 1</b>	A10 - John Ryan's Polka B10 - A North Country Lass C13 - Casey Jones



## VIOLA

Viola Mix Book 1 arr. Blackwell and Blackwell	<b>GRADE 1</b>	A12 - Chevalier's Rondeau A13 - Gavotta
Viola Mix Book 2 arr. Blackwell and Blackwell	<b>GRADE 2</b>	A11 - Rondeau Theme B12 - Pierrot and Pierrette C14 - Dipidu
Viola Mix Book 3 arr. Blackwell and Blackwell	<b>GRADE 3</b>	A12 - Rabbit Foot B12 - Mi Teresita
New Pieces for Viola, Book 1	<b>GRADE 2</b>	A5 - Bouree
	<b>GRADE 3</b>	B5 - When Autumn Comes
New Pieces for Viola, Book 2	<b>GRADE 4</b>	B1 - Idyll C2 - Alla greco
More Time Pieces for Viola, Vol. 1, arr. Lamb and Meredith	<b>GRADE 1</b>	A2 - La Volta B5 - Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 C4 - Hen-Coop Rag C5 - Under the Sea
	<b>GRADE 2</b>	A1 - Rondeau B8 - To Music C8 - Shrove-Tide Fair Themes
	<b>GRADE 3</b>	A1 - Presto B10 - Waltz C4 - I got plenty o' nuttin'
More Time Pieces for Viola, Vol. 2, arr. Lamb and Meredith	<b>GRADE 4</b>	A6 - Rondeau B2 - How beautiful are the feet B3 - Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves C5 - Por una cabeza
	<b>GRADE 5</b>	A3 - Giga A4 - Hungarian Rondo B4 - Dedication C7 - The Montagues and the Capulets
	<b>GRADE 6</b>	B2 - Andante C10 - Mack the Knife
	<b>GRADE 7</b>	B10 - Passionate Confession
Starters for Viola, arr. Salter	<b>GRADE 1</b>	A6 - Menuet
	<b>GRADE 2</b>	B9 - Old French Song
Time Pieces for Viola, Vol. 2	<b>GRADE 5</b>	C10 - September Song

CELLO		
Alan Bullard: Party Time! for Cello	INITIAL	B4 - Far Away
	GRADE 1	C5 - Hungarian Dance
Time Pieces for Cello, Vol. 1, arr. Black and Harris	GRADE 1	C13 - The Elephant
More Time Pieces for Cello, Vol. 1, arr. Bruce and Wells	GRADE 1	A5 - Air B11 - Berceuse B12 - Poco adagio C9 - Banaha
	GRADE 2	A5 - Air A6 - Taivas n sininen ja volkoinen B10 - Slavonic Dance C10 - Happy Places
	GRADE 3	A6 - Moderato B10 - Vltava C12 - The Peanut Vendor
More Time Pieces for Cello, Vol. 2, arr. Bruce and Wells	GRADE 4	A12 - Come fill, fill, my good fellow B9 - Tom Bowling B11 - Entr'acte C7 - Shepherd's Hey
Principal Cello	GRADE 6	B4 - Intermezzo C3 - Dance Caprice
	GRADE 7	B9 - Chanson triste C10 - Gavotte humoristique
	GRADE 8	A12 - Alla Pollacca C5 - Rigaudon
Spectrum for Cello	GRADE 5	C4 - Elegy
	GRADE 7	C6 - Prelude



**DOUBLE BASS**

<b>Time Pieces for Double Bass, Vol. 1</b>	<b>GRADE 1</b>	A7 - Now is the month of Maying B8 - Ballad II C1 - A Little Blue
	<b>GRADE 2</b>	A3 - Minuetto B7 - Ballad I C7 - Galoppe C8 - Lazybones
	<b>GRADE 3</b>	A1 - Solfeggio No. 3 A2 - Menuet de Poitou B7 - Ol' Man River
<b>Time Pieces for Double Bass, Vol. 2</b>	<b>GRADE 4</b>	A5 - Hunting Song A6 - Allegro B8 - Venetian Gondola Song C2 - Jamaican Rumba C3 - Cavalryman
	<b>GRADE 5</b>	A9 - Le lardon and La boiteuse B3 - Autumn C6 - Black Bottom
	<b>GRADE 6</b>	C2 - Room 42
<b>Michael Rose: A Sketchbook for Double Bass</b>	<b>GRADE 3</b>	C9 - Jumbo Rag
	<b>GRADE 4</b>	B10 - Reverie



## BOWED STRINGS SYLLABUS FROM 2024 ALTERNATIVES FOR VIOLIN

INITIAL	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3
<b>Vamoosh Violin, Book 1, arr. Gregory (Vamoosh)</b>		<b>Fiddle Time Sprinters, arr. Blackwell and Blackwell (OUP)</b>	
B6: Footprints in the Snow B11: Rolling Hills C5: Walk on Mars!	A7: Sinfonia	C6: Jacob's Dance C12: Toulouse Tango	B4: Habanera B11: Wade in the Water
<b>Piece by Piece 1 for Violin, arr. Nelson (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>			<b>Ewa Iwan: Musical Journeys for</b>
A10: Polka B9: Over the Moon	A8: Rigadoon	A7: Minuet and Trio	C11: Flea
<b>Abracadabra Violin (Third Edition), arr. Davey (Collins Music)</b>			<b>Klezmer Fiddle Tunes (Schott)</b>
A7: Big Ben A8: Secret Agents	B7: Edelweiss	C4: We're off to see the wizard	B6: Moishele Mayn Fraynd
<b>Flexi Violin, Book 1, arr. Harris and O'Leary (Faber)</b>		<b>The Fiddler Playalong Violin Collection 2, arr. Huws Jones (Boosey</b>	
C12: Witches Waltz	A13: Rasa Sayang B13: First Solo	A9: Red-Haired Boy B5: Glwysen	
<b>Fiddle Time Joggers, arr. Blackwell and Blackwell (OUP)</b>		<b>Compatible Duets for Strings, Vol. 2: Violin, arr. Gazda and Clark (Carl Fischer)</b>	
B4: Peace Garden B5: The Mocking Bird C4: Rhythm Fever	A5: Patrick's Reel B4: Rocking Horse	B6: Theme	A6: March B5: Andante pastorale
<b>Suzuki Violin School, Vol. 1 (Alfred)</b>		<b>My First Concert for Violin (Schott)</b>	
A9: Go Tell Aunt Rhody	A9: Andantino	A6: Air	B7: Lali - A Lullaby to Awaken You?
<b>Katherine Colledge and Hugh Colledge: Waggon Wheels for Violin (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>		<b>Bartók: 44 Duos for Two Violins, Vol. 1 (Universal)</b>	
A4: Knickerbocker Glory	B5: Full Moon	C5: Play Song	C4: Pillow Dance
<b>Easy Tunes for Tamariki for Violin (Wellington Branch IRMTNZ)</b>		<b>Vamoosh Violin, Book 2, arr. Gregory (Vamoosh)</b>	
B13: Sad Sandy	C9: Minor Groove	B7: Barcarolle C7: Smooth Operator	C9: Vamoose
<b>The Essential String Method, Violin Book 2 (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>		<b>Going Solo for Violin, arr. Huws Jones (Faber)</b>	
A11: Marzipan March B8: I am a River	B6: Waltz C6: Sharks		
<b>Mark Wilson and Paul Wood: Stringtastic Beginners: Violin (Faber)</b>		<b>Violin Music By Women, A Graded Anthology, Vol. 1 Beginning (Sleepy Puppy Press)</b>	
A13: Oh, What a Day! B12: Music for a Rainy Day	A12: An Old World Minuet		A13: Minuet



GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
<b>Sheila M. Nelson's Baroque Violinist (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>		<b>Corelli: 12 Sonatas, Op. 5, Vol. 1 (Schott)</b> <b>Corelli: Violin Sonatas, Op. 5, Vol. 1 (Wiener Urtext)</b>		
A12: Aria and Variation 1	A11: Giga	A6: Allegro		A7: Vivace, Adagio and Allegro
<b>Violin and Piano, Book 1 (PWM)</b>		<b>Italian Violin Music of the Baroque Period, Vol. 1 (Henle)</b>		
	C11: Tarantella	A7: Affettuoso and Allegro	A7: Adagio and Allegro A8: Largo and Vivace	
		<b>Sheila M. Nelson's Romantic Violinist (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>		
C4: Avremel der Marvikher	C8: Hava Nagila	C7: Hungarian Dance	B6: Cantabile B11: Air Varie on a Theme by Donizetti C10: Hungarian Dance No. 7	
<b>&amp; Hawkes)</b>		<b>Violin Music By Women: A Graded Anthology, Vol. 3 Intermediate 2 (Sleepy Puppy Press)</b>		
C8: La cumparsita	B11: An Old Love Tale		C12: Knees Up Mambo	
<b>Alastair Hardie's Compliments to 'The King' (Hardie Press)</b>				
B13: The Cradle Song C9: MacPherson's Blade			C13: Back to the Hills	
<b>Lyrical Violin Legends (Allegro)</b>		<b>Chaminade: Trois morceaux, Op. 31 (Chester)</b>		
A13: The Sugar Shack B11: Morning Song	B12: Danza del Anhele		B5: Andantino	C11: Romance for Violin
<b>Small Concert Pieces, Vol. 1 (EMB Zenemukiado)</b>				
A10: Menuett	B7: Siciliano			
<b>Introduction to the Great Composers, arr. Nagy (Barenreiter)</b>		<b>Bach for Violin, arr. Blackwell and Blackwell (OUP)</b>		
A5: Menuetto A6: Allegramente B12: Romanze	A6: Bereite dich, Zion	A4: Auch mit gedampften, schwachen Stimmen		
	B10: Waltz			
		<b>Solo Time for Violin, Book 2, arr. Blackwell and Blackwell (OUP)</b>		
	C7: Sugar with Cinnamon	B12: Andante		

INITIAL	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3
<b>Violin Recital Album, Vol. 1 (Barenreiter)</b>	<b>Top Hits from TV, Movies &amp; Musicals for Violin, arr. Galliford and Neuburg (Alfred)</b>		
A5: Little March C9: Pit a Pat Rain	C4: He's a Pirate		B8: Can You Feel the Love Tonight?
<b>Huws Jones: Ten O'Clock Rock for Violin (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>	<b>Tunes You Know 1 for Violin Duet, arr. Nelson (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>		<b>The Young Symphonist, Vol. 2,</b>
B7: Gone for Good C7: Ten O'Clock Rock	B8: Cradle Song C8: Rocking	B10: Greensleeves	A4: Gavotte
	<b>I love my violon (Leduc)</b>		<b>The Young Violinist's Repertoire,</b>
	B12: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious	C12: Toulouse Tango	A9: Duo C8: The Joker
	<b>The Best of Grade 1 Violin (Faber)</b>	<b>The Best of Grade 2 Violin (Faber)</b>	<b>Flexi Violin, Book 2, arr. Harris and O'Leary (Faber)</b>
	B6: Waltz C6: Sharks	A8: Gavotte B8: Waltz B9: Simple Gifts B12: Espresso C10: Siberian Galop	A12: Gavotte B13: Last Rose of Summer
	<b>The Seafaring Fiddler, arr. Huws Jones (Boosey &amp; Hawkes)</b>		
	B9: The Leaving of Liverpool	C9: Jack Tar	



GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
	<b>The Young Symphonist, Vol. 3, arr. Wade (Clifton Edition)</b>			
	A4: Presto A5: Allegro			
<b>arr. Wade (Clifton Edition)</b>	<b>Shostakovich: Albumstücke, arr. Fortunatov (Peters or Sikorski)</b>			
A8: Presto B9: Andante con moto	B9: Elegie	B8: Romanze in D		
<b>Book 3 (Faber)</b>	<b>Rieding: Concertino in G, Op. 24 (Bosworth)</b>			
C6: The Clowns	B8: Andante sostenuto	C8: Allegro		
<b>The Best of Grade 4 Violin (Faber)</b>	<b>The Best of Grade 5 Violin (Faber)</b>			
A9: Rondeau C5: Rondino	B4: Cradle Song C6: Cossack Dance			
	<b>Gypsy Jazz: Intermediate Level (Faber)</b>			
	C6: Cossack Dance	C9: Black Eyes		



## BOWED STRINGS SYLLABUS FROM 2024 COMPATIBLE PIECES

The table below highlights pieces from the 2024 Bowed Strings Syllabus that have been set across multiple instruments. The square ■ shows the instrument lines that are compatible and can be played together using the same finger patterns. Circle ● indicates there are some differences in the instrument line.

INITIAL GRADE				
NAME OF PIECE	VIOLIN	VIOLA	CELLO	DOUBLE BASS
Knickerbocker Glory	A4 ●	A6 ■	A5 ■	
Little March	A5 ●		A6 ●	
Secret Agents (Duet)	A8 ■	A10 ■		
Go Tell Aunt Rhody (Duet)	A9 ●	A9 ■	A9 ■	
Oh, what a Day!	A13 ■	A13 ■	A13 ■	
The Old Woman and the Pedlar	A2 ■	A2 ■	A3 ■	
Pwt ar y Bys	A3 ■	A3 ■		
The Knight's Pavane	B1 ■	B1 ■	B3 ■	B3 ■
Au clair de la Lune	B3 ■	B2 ●		B10 ■
Footprints in the Snow	B6 ■	B6 ■	B6 ■	B7 ■
Gone for Good	B7 ■	B7 ■	B7 ■	B12 ■
I am a River	B8 ●	B8 ●		
Swingalong	B10 ■	B9 ■	B9 ■	B9 ■
Music for a Rainy Day	B12 ■	B13 ■	B13 ■	
Crunch Time	C1 ■	C1 ■	C2 ■	
Kuckuck, Kuckuck, ruft's aus dem Wald	C3 ■	C3 ■	C3 ■	
Rhythm Fever	C4 ■	C4 ■		
Walk on Mars!	C5 ■	C5 ■	C5 ■	C6 ■
Ten O'Clock Rock	C7 ■	C8 ■	C6 ■	C11 ■
Jungle Footprints	C8 ■	C9 ■	C7 ■	
Pit a Pat Rain	C9 ●	C10 ■	C9 ■	
Let us chase the Squirrel	C13 ●	C2 ●		
Sweet Eyed Sue	A6 ■		A7 ■	
Big Ben	A7 ■		A8 ■	
Blowin in the Wind	B2 ■		B1 ■	B1 ■
Over the moon	B9 ●		B8 ●	
French Folk Song		B10 ■	B10 ■	
In the Groove		C11 ●	C11 ●	
On the Go		C12 ■	C12 ■	
Bow Rock	C10 ■		C10 ■	C12 ■

GRADE 1				
NAME OF PIECE	VIOLIN	VIOLA	CELLO	DOUBLE BASS
Rigadoon	A8 ■	A7 ■	A7 ■	
Chevalier's Rondo	A11 ●	A12 ●		
Rocking Horse (duet)	B4 ■	B2 ■	B5 ■	
Full Moon	B5 ●	B3 ■	B7 ■	
Edelweiss	B7 ■	B8 ■		Grade 2 B6 ■
Patrick's Reel	A5 ■	A1 ■	A4 ●	
Dance to your Daddy		A8 ■	A8 ■	
Andantino	A9 ●		A10 ●	
Skye Boat Song		B10 ■	B3 ■	

GRADE 1 <i>Cont'd</i>				
NAME OF PIECE	VIOLIN	VIOLA	CELLO	DOUBLE BASS
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious	C12 ●		C2 ●	
siyahamba	C3 ■		C3 ■	
Fiery Fiddler	C5 ■		C7 ■	C7 ■
Long, Long Ago			B4 ●	B1 ●
Toodle Pip			C8 ●	C8 ●

GRADE 2				
NAME OF PIECE	VIOLIN	VIOLA	CELLO	DOUBLE BASS
Red-Haired Boy	A9 ■	A10 ■		
Rondeau Theme	A11 ●	A11 ●		
Glwysen	B5 ●	B6 ●		Grade 3 B2 ●
Simple Gifts	B9 ■	B10 ■		
Play Song (duet)	C5 ●	C2 ●		
Jacob's Dance	C6 ●	C3 ●		
Smooth Operator	C7 ■	C5 ■	C9 ■	C6 ■
Hallelujah	B2 ■		B1 ■	
Greensleeves	B10 ■		B9 ●	B9 ■
We're off to see the wizard	C4 ■	C1 ■	C5 ■	C1 ■
Beauty and the Beast			B8 ●	Grade 3 B8 ●

GRADE 3				
NAME OF PIECE	VIOLIN	VIOLA	CELLO	DOUBLE BASS
Habanera	B4 ■	B2 ●		Grade 4 B1 ■
Andante Pastorale	B5 ■	B3 ■		
Pillow Dance	C4 ●	C1 ●		
Stiffkey Blues	C6 ●	C3 ■	C4 ■	
I got plenty o' nuttin	C1 ●	C4 ●		
Toad in the Hole	C10 ●	C6 ■	C7 ■	C7 ■
Rabbit Foot		A12 ●	A3 ●	

GRADE 4				
NAME OF PIECE	VIOLIN	VIOLA	CELLO	DOUBLE BASS
Rondeau	A9 ●	A7 ●		
Rigaudon		A8 ■	A8 ■	
Pastime with good company			A7 ■	A7 ■



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