

Wendy Barden & Terry Shade

# Basic Music Theory and History for Strings

## Workbook 1 • Violin

Welcome to **Basic Music Theory and History for Strings Workbook 1!**

Music theory is all about the rules for writing music. In pages 2-21, we study some of the basic rules that were agreed to centuries ago including:

- Placing pitches on a staff
- Organizing pitches into key signatures and major scales
- Writing rhythms and rests
- Organizing rhythms and rests into time signatures
- Describing the form of melodies
- Connecting written music to playing string instruments

In pages 22-48, we visit five periods of music history to see how these rules were used—*and more!*

In each period our study includes:

- Discovering the beginning of string instruments and bows in the 1500s
- Recognizing new instruments
- Describing common characteristics of the music
- Meeting some of the most well-known composers of orchestra music
- Evaluating musical performances
- Making connections to other people and events

Be curious! Learning about music theory and history can be very interesting, and it also helps you become a stronger musician.

**Basic Music Theory and History** is supported with audio tracks and visual files. The audio tracks provide rhythmic and melodic ear training exercises and the visual files support highlights from the history portion of the book. **Go to [www.kjos.com](http://www.kjos.com)** and click the **Kjos Multimedia Library** icon and look for **Theory**. Click **Theory** and look for the cover of this book. A complete list of audio tracks and visual files will appear.



Neil A. Kjos Music Company thanks Robertson & Sons Violin Shop, Inc., Albuquerque, NM, for the opportunity to photograph instruments throughout their shop. Photos taken for this book can be found on pages 22 and 32.  
Visit: [robertsonviolins.com](http://robertsonviolins.com).

ISBN-10: 0-8497-0529-0 • ISBN-13: 978-0-8497-0529-8

©2015 Kjos Music Press, Neil A. Kjos Music Company, Distributor, 4382 Jutland Drive, San Diego, California, 92117.

International copyright secured. All rights reserved. Printed in U.S.A.

WARNING! All music, photographs, graphics, and text are protected by copyright law.

Anyone who reproduces copyrighted material is subject to substantial penalties and assessments for each infringement.