

String Basics™ Curriculum

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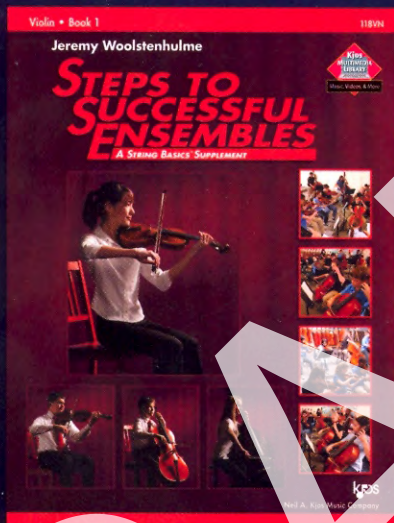
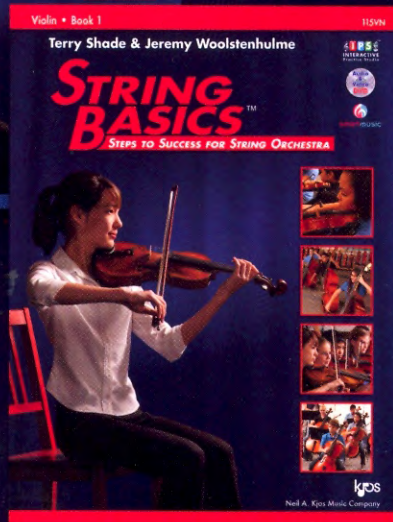
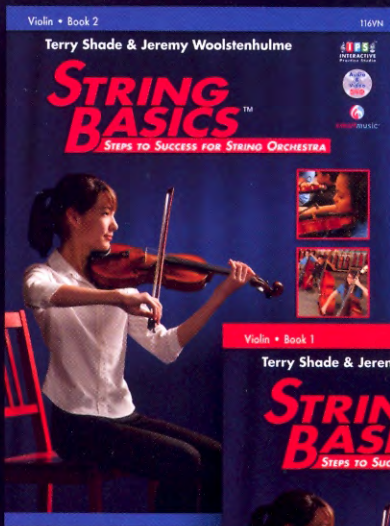
String Basics: Steps to Success for String Orchestra is a comprehensive method for beginning string classes. Designed with a performance-oriented approach in mind, **String Basics** blends comprehensive musicianship along with a systematic step-by-step sequence of instruction.

The Basics

- ▶ Pedagogically sound
- ▶ Colorful, clean, contemporary
- ▶ Classroom tested
- ▶ Relevant to 21st century learners and educators

The Details

- ▶ Group pulse & counting aloud → Rhythm skills
- ▶ Note reading from the start → Music literacy
- ▶ Pizzicato → Pre-bow hold → Permanent bow hold
- ▶ Left hand skills → Finger patterns & interval understanding
- ▶ Musicianship → Artistic skills
- ▶ Logical sequencing, comfortable pacing, abundant reinforcement
- ▶ Original, cultural, and historical variety
- ▶ Theory, composition, ear training



A String Basics™ Supplement by Jeremy Woolstenhulme

Grade ½ – 1½

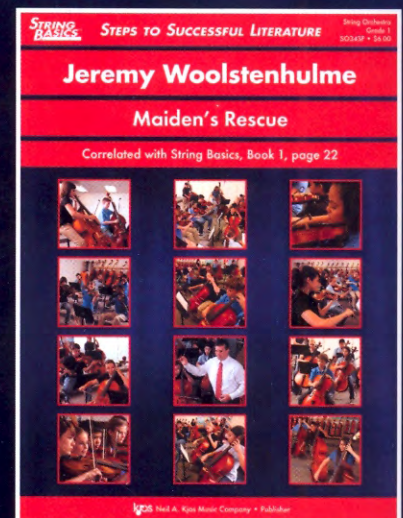
24 four-part ensembles for your first-to-second-year string orchestra! Sequentially presented, the collection starts with an all-pizzicato selection featuring D, E, F#, G, A. The final piece features a taste of the Baroque Period with an arrangement of J.S. Bach's *Peasant Cantata*. The songs in between include an attractive variety of original compositions, and arrangements of folk melodies and classical works. Perfect for performance or for more advanced ensembles who are improving sight reading skills.

Each piece has been recorded by a special orchestra comprised of students and teachers, under the direction of Jeremy Woolstenhulme. Visit www.kjos.com, click on the Kjos Multimedia icon, then go to "String Orchestra Collections" to access these complimentary, full-length audio recordings.

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Grade 1 – 1½ – 2 – 2½

Steps to Successful Literature presents exceptional performance literature – concert and festival pieces – for beginning to intermediate string orchestras. Each piece is correlated with a specific location in the **String Basics – Steps to Success for String Orchestra Comprehensive Method**. Literature reinforces musical skills and concepts introduced in the method.



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