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STRING BASICS™

STEPS TO SUCCESS FOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Welcome to *String Basics*, a Comprehensive Method for String Orchestra!

Teaching a heterogeneous string class is rewarding yet is filled with challenges along the way. Recognizing the ongoing needs of students and teachers are best understood by educators Terry Shade, Jeremy Woolstenhulme, and Wendy Barden. Their total combined number of years spent in the classroom, specifically the middle school/junior high classroom, has allowed them to design a thoroughly tested and successful teaching approach that organizes concepts with step-by-step sequences of instruction. Teaching four different instruments simultaneously requires organized and solid lesson planning. Instructional strategies have been developed and are available throughout this edition. The strategies have been divided into two primary categories: Performance and Musical Understanding. Through those strategies, guidelines and guideposts assist to help students acquire a comprehensive experience in orchestra.

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