



## Vista Grande String Ensemble

**Week of 5/11/2020**

This is the last week for Music Classes! Which means after this week you won't be receiving any further assignments from me. I do hope you will continue to work hard and progress on your instrument. There are tons of great resources to help you learn more skills and songs. I also encourage you to watch great musicians playing their instruments as inspiration! Here are a few channels that I like:

- [Violinspiration](#)- she has tons of tutorials to help you learn new repertoire and some free song books!
- [The Orchestra Teacher](#)- I taught with Mr. Laux in Orlando, he has a lot of great content to help you improve as an individual and orchestra member.
- [The Online Violin & Piano Instructor](#)
- [ViolinClass](#)- A violin professor who does some great technique lessons, including vibrato!
- Look for some more on your own!

### Important Stuff

- All of our music (with fingerings!) can be found on my [website](#).
- Check out the [playlist](#) of all of our music.
- Instrument need tuning? Be very careful if you try to tune your instrument yourself- it is very easy to break a string. Try to adjust using your fine tuners as much as possible. I recommend using a *chromatic* tuner to tune with- if you don't have those, there are many phone apps available. Here are two videos that might help you out:
  - <https://youtu.be/Ga5e1uyRI7g>
  - <https://youtu.be/IWAFbV0bTrw>

Now to actually make some music!

- Practice, Practice, Practice!
  - Aim to spend 15-20 minutes at least 3 days a week practicing your String Ensemble music.
- Start with Scales!
  - The first 5-10 minutes of every practice session should start with scales.

- You can print out our scale sheet from my [website](#) and practice along with me on YouTube.
- **New Music!!! (On the website at: <https://mrsleppardmusic.weebly.com/string-ensemble.html>)**
  - I have added a bunch of different duets at various ability levels to the website that you can play. See if you can learn one (or both parts) and practice with a friend through Zoom (or whatever!)
- **Repertoire (That's fancy for "our music!")**
  - *Gavotte*
    - Try playing it with the other part on the YouTube video to see how both parts sound together. (There is a cleaner copy of it on the [website](#) if you would like to use that.)
      - [Video for Part 1](#)
      - [Video for Part 2](#)
  - *Canon in D*
    - Make sure you can play A, B, C, D, E, and H fluently. If you need more of a challenge, look at the Advanced Violin part and try out some of the trickier variations.
    - Play along with the video, which is parts A-D. You can play the same part as me, or start on a different part to hear the ensemble sound.
      - [Video for Canon](#)
  - *Star Wars*
    - I have a simplified version on the [website](#) now. Print it out and work on each section independently.
    - I'll try to make a video to practice with by next week.
  - *Mickey Mouse March*
    - This is also in good shape- don't forget about the low 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fingers and the high 3<sup>rd</sup> fingers. For Part 1, see if you can get the hooked bowings (down-down, up-up) starting on the second line.

All the best!

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