



Class Name: Intermediate Violin

Block 3 (11:00-11:55)

Fall & Spring 2024-25

Tutor: Sarah Dowell

Grade Level: 5th-12th

Course Description:

Do you love playing the violin? Do you enjoy music making with other string players? If so, this is the class for you. Intermediate Violin is meant for violinists who have already had some experience playing violin or have taken Adventures in Violin 1 for beginners. In this class, students will play a variety of genres, from fiddle to classical. We will work on expanding students' skills and abilities as violinists, including learning new pieces, expanding musical repertoire, learning how to memorize music, growing overall knowledge of music theory, improve sight-reading, and refine violin technique. We will also listen to a wide array of music along the way. Come and join us in the joy of music making in community with other string players!

Prerequisites: Previous experience playing the violin. Ability to play simple pieces of music, using left hand fingers as well as the bow.

Book List: These can all be purchased from www.sharmusic.com.

Suzuki Violin School, Volume 1, by Shinichi Suzuki

O'Connor Violin Method, Book 1, by Mark O'Connor

Alfred's Complete Essentials of Music Theory, by Andrew Surmani, Karen Farnum Surmani, et al.

Binder for handouts

Supplies Required:

You will need to purchase or rent a violin and bow. I recommend purchasing/renting an instrument at Atlantic Strings in Melbourne. This shop sells violins that are true instruments and have assistants who will help measure your student's arm length and fit him/her to the correct instrument size. When getting an instrument there, also buy the following supplies:

- Rosin
- Music Stand
- Shoulder Rest (make sure it is the proper size for the violin)

(Note: DO NOT purchase a violin from Amazon, they sell toys, not true instruments)

Materials Fee: \$5 per semester

Maximum # of students: 15

Minimum # of students: 7