

MASTERY CHECKPOINT

LEVEL THREE PLAYING TEST

There are Three Sections in this Checkpoint.

Section 1: *SLURS* --Two performances, 25 points each.

Section 2: *SPICCATO* -- Two performances, 25 points each.

Section 3: *VIRTUOSO* – Five Bonus performances, 10 points each.

Slurs and Spiccato are commonly required in string music.

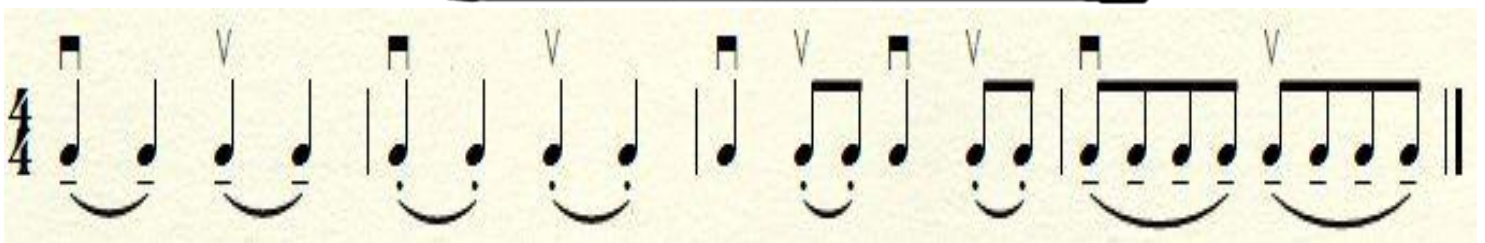
Mastering slurs and spiccato is crucial to unified orchestral playing.

Most often, virtuosic bow strokes are written for solo instruments.

100 points is a perfect score.

Extra credit bonus points can raise your score to 150 points.

Section 1 -- *SLURS* on One String



Grading and Feedback

5 points are possible for each:

Bow Directions ___ Bow-Hold ___ Tone Quality ___

Rhythmic Precision ___ Proper Articulations ___

Feedback: _____

TOTAL: _____

Section 1 -- *SLURS* on Two Strings



Grading and Feedback
5 points are possible for each:

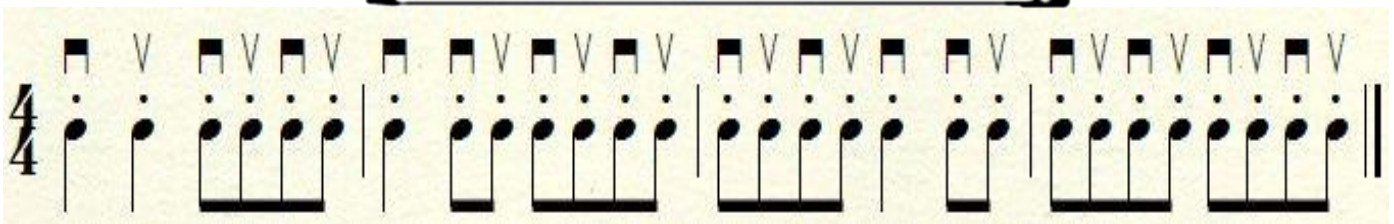
Bow Directions __ Bow-Hold __ Tonal Quality __

Rhythmic Precision __ Proper Articulations __

Feedback: _____

TOTAL: _____

Section 2 -- *SPICCATO*



Grading and Feedback
5 points are possible for each:

Spiccato Control __ Rhythmic Precision __ Bow-Hold __

Tonal Quality __ Bow Directions __

Feedback: _____

TOTAL: _____

Section 2 – *SPICCATO* Brush Strokes and Ricochet



Grading and Feedback

5 points are possible for each:

Brush Stroke Control ___ Rhythmic Precision ___ Bow-Hold ___

Ricochet Control ___ Bow Directions ___

Feedback: _____

TOTAL: _____

Congratulations! You have completed the first two sections.

Let's add up your current point total.

Section 1: Slurs on One String _____ Slurs on Two Strings _____

Section 2: Spiccato _____ Brush Strokes and Ricochet _____

Current Total: _____

**To improve your score,
you may wish to try the bonus performances.**

Virtuosic Bow Stroke Bonus Performances are ahead.

Good Luck!

Section 3 – VIRTUOSO



Bonus #1 -- Arpeggio Bowing

Perform at 100 BPM or quicker. Focus on note clarity and precise rhythm.

Bonus #1 Scoring -- 2 points are possible for each:

Arpeggio Bow Stroke ___ Rhythmic Precision ___ Tempo ___

Parallel to Bridge ___ Bow-Hold ___ TOTAL: _____

Bonus # 2 -- Flying Staccato

Perform at 100 BPM or quicker. Focus on note clarity and precise rhythm.

Bonus #2 Scoring -- 2 points are possible for each:

Flying Staccato Stroke ___ Rhythmic Precision ___ Tempo ___

Tone ___ Bow-Hold ___ TOTAL: _____

Bonus # 3 -- Ricochet Challenge



Bonus #3 Scoring -- 2 points are possible for each:

Ricochet Stroke ___ Rhythmic Precision ___ Consistent Tempo ___

Tone ___ Bow-Hold ___ TOTAL: _____

Bonus #4 -- Spiccato Rhythm Challenge

Bonus #4 Scoring -- 2 points are possible for each:

Spiccato Stroke ___ Rhythmic Precision ___ Consistent Tempo ___

Tone ___ Bow-Hold ___ TOTAL: _____

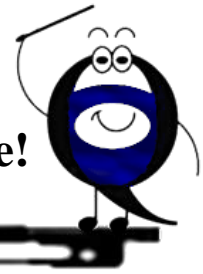
Bonus #5 -- Combining Techniques

Bonus #5 Scoring -- 2 points are possible for each:

Ricochet Stroke ___ Rhythmic Precision ___ Consistent Tempo ___

Spiccato Stroke ___ Staccato Stroke ___ TOTAL: _____

Bravo!
Mastery Checkpoint Level Three is Complete!



Level Three Totals

Section 1 _____

Section 2 _____

Section 3 _____

FEEDBACK

OVERALL TOTAL: _____

Come and Play Your Part!

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