

MUSIC PERFORMANCE GRADES

VIOLA

Syllabus 2024 & 2026



VIENNA PREMIER
MUSIC ACADEMY

Academy for **Highly Gifted Musicians**

THREE PIECES: At least two chosen by the candidate and a third piece of the candidate's choice.

1. **Franz Schubert** - Ave Maria
2. **Johann Sebastian Bach** - Minuet 1 from Suzuki Book 1
3. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Ode to Joy
4. **Henry Mancini** - Baby Elephant Walk
5. **Traditional** - Scarborough Fair
6. **Traditional Japanese** - Sakura (Cherry Blossom)
7. **Traditional Chinese** - Jasmine Flower
8. **Fritz Kreisler** - Prelude and Allegro
9. **Antonín Dvořák** - Humoresque No. 7 in G flat Major
10. **Jules Massenet** - Meditation from "Thaïs"
11. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** - Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Variations
12. **Georges Bizet** - Farandole from "L'Arlésienne"
13. **Claude Debussy** - Clair de Lune
14. **Traditional Irish** - The Kesh Jig
15. **Pablo de Sarasate** - Gypsy Airs (Intro only)
16. **Béla Bartók** - Romanian Folk Dances
17. **Edward Elgar** - Nimrod from Enigma Variations
18. **Sergei Prokofiev** - Troika from "Lieutenant Kijé"
19. **Scott Joplin** - The Entertainer
20. **Benjamin Britten** - Lullaby (for violin and piano)
21. **Tchaikovsky** - Theme from "Swan Lake"
22. **Carl Friedrich Gauss** - Menuet
23. **Antonio Vivaldi** - Spring from "The Four Seasons"
24. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Waltz No. 2
25. **J.S. Bach** - Air on the G String
26. **Camille Saint-Saëns** - The Swan from "Carnival of the Animals"
27. **John Philip Sousa** - Stars and Stripes Forever (excerpt)
28. **Domenico Scarlatti** - Sonata in D minor K. 517
29. **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** - Flight of the Bumblebee (excerpt)
30. **Léo Delibes** - Flower Duet from "Lakmé"

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1. **Johann Sebastian Bach** - Minuet 1 and 2 from Cello Suite No. 1
2. **Franz Schubert** - Serenade
3. **Gabriel Fauré** - Élégie
4. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Theme from "Symphony No. 7"
5. **George Frideric Handel** - Largo from "Xerxes"
6. **Antonio Vivaldi** - Concerto in A minor, RV 356: 1st Movement
7. **Jules Massenet** - Meditation from "Thaïs"
8. **Traditional Japanese** - Sakura Sakura (Cherry Blossom)
9. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Prelude from Suite for Variety Orchestra
10. **Tchaikovsky** - Chanson Triste
11. **Fritz Kreisler** - Liebesfreud
12. **Béla Bartók** - Romanian Folk Dances (selected movements)
13. **Edvard Grieg** - Anitra's Dance from "Peer Gynt"
14. **Scott Joplin** - The Entertainer (arranged for viola)
15. **Sergei Prokofiev** - March from "Love for Three Oranges"
16. **Henry Purcell** - Trumpet Tune
17. **Cécile Chaminade** - Concertino for Flute and Piano (excerpts)
18. **Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach** - Siciliano in G minor
19. **Traditional Irish** - Molly Malone
20. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** - Lullaby (Wiegenlied)
21. **John Williams** - Hedwig's Theme from "Harry Potter"
22. **Paul Hindemith** - Sonata for Solo Viola, 1st Movement
23. **Johann Strauss II** - The Blue Danube (excerpts)
24. **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** - The Song of the Flea
25. **Claude Debussy** - Reverie
26. **Milhaud** - Suite for Viola and Piano (1st Movement)
27. **Pablo de Sarasate** - Carmen Fantasy (excerpts)
28. **Aaron Copland** - Simple Gifts
29. **Benjamin Britten** - Nocturne for Solo Viola
30. **Mikhail Glinka** - Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture (excerpts)

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1. **Johann Sebastian Bach** - Prelude from Cello Suite No. 3
2. **George Frideric Handel** - Sonata in D Major, HWV 371: 1st Movement
3. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** - Adagio and Allegro, K. 594
4. **Fritz Kreisler** - Praeludium and Allegro
5. **Gabriel Fauré** - Mélodie from "Dolly Suite"
6. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Sonatina in F Major, Anh. 5 No. 2: 1st Movement
7. **Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach** - Sonata in A Major, H. 186: 1st Movement
8. **Edward Elgar** - Chanson de Nuit
9. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Prelude No. 1 in C Major
10. **Claude Debussy** - Clair de Lune (arranged for viola)
11. **Antonín Dvořák** - Slavonic Dance, Op. 46 No. 8
12. **Paul Hindemith** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, 1st Movement
13. **Traditional Chinese** - The Moon Represents My Heart
14. **Tchaikovsky** - Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy (arranged for viola)
15. **Sergei Prokofiev** - Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 19: 2nd Movement (arranged for viola)
16. **Henry Purcell** - Rondeau from "Abdelazer"
17. **Johannes Brahms** - Hungarian Dance No. 5
18. **Carl Nielsen** - Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra (arranged for viola)
19. **Igor Stravinsky** - The Firebird Suite (arranged excerpts)
20. **Milhaud** - Suite for Viola and Piano, 2nd Movement
21. **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** - Song of India (from "Sadko")
22. **John Williams** - Theme from "Schindler's List"
23. **César Franck** - Sonata in A Major: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
24. **Edvard Grieg** - Morning Mood from "Peer Gynt"
25. **Zoltán Kodály** - Dances of Galánta (arranged for viola)
26. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Waltz No. 2 from "Jazz Suite"
27. **Béla Bartók** - Rumanian Folk Dances (complete)
28. **Benjamin Britten** - Nocturne for Solo Viola, 2nd Movement
29. **Antonio Vivaldi** - Concerto for Viola d'amore in D Major, RV 393 (1st Movement)
30. **Franz Schubert** - Ave Maria (arranged for viola)

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1. **J.S. Bach** - Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 3
2. **George Frideric Handel** - Sonata in D Major, HWV 371: 2nd Movement
3. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** - Adagio from Viola Concerto in D Major, K. 413
4. **Fritz Kreisler** - Liebesleid
5. **Edvard Grieg** - Lyric Pieces, Op. 43 No. 3: Notturmo
6. **Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach** - Sonata in G Major, H. 186: 2nd Movement
7. **Paul Hindemith** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, 2nd Movement
8. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Sonata for Viola and Piano in F Major, Op. 87: 1st Movement
9. **Béla Bartók** - Romanian Folk Dances
10. **Henry Purcell** - Trumpet Tune
11. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 1st Movement
12. **Gabriel Fauré** - Sicilienne, Op. 78
13. **Sergei Prokofiev** - Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 63: 2nd Movement (arranged for viola)
14. **Zoltán Kodály** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 8: 1st Movement
15. **Claude Debussy** - Suite Bergamasque: Clair de Lune (arranged for viola)
16. **Antonín Dvořák** - Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra in B Minor, Op. 104: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
17. **Joaquín Rodrigo** - Concierto de Aranjuez: Adagio (arranged for viola)
18. **Carl Nielsen** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 1st Movement
19. **Léo Delibes** - Flower Duet from "Lakmé" (arranged for viola)
20. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Prelude from "The Gadfly": No. 2
21. **Paul Hindemith** - Allegro from Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 25 No. 1
22. **Benjamin Britten** - Lachrymae: Reflections on a Song of Dowland
23. **César Franck** - Sonata in A Major: 2nd Movement (arranged for viola)
24. **John Williams** - Theme from "Harry Potter" (arranged for viola)
25. **Gabriel Fauré** - Nocturne No. 6, Op. 63
26. **Henryk Wieniawski** - Legende, Op. 17 (arranged for viola)
27. **Aram Khachaturian** - Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia (arranged for viola)
28. **Fauré** - Après un rêve
29. **Brahms** - Hungarian Dances No. 1 (arranged for viola)
30. **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** - Flight of the Bumblebee (arranged for viola)

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1. **J.S. Bach** - Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor, BWV 1043: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
2. **George Frideric Handel** - Sonata in G Major, HWV 364: 1st Movement
3. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Sonata for Viola and Piano in F Major, Op. 87: 2nd Movement
4. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** - Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major, K. 364: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
5. **Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach** - Sonata in A Major, H. 562: 1st Movement
6. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 2nd Movement
7. **Paul Hindemith** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 25 No. 2: 1st Movement
8. **Léo Delibes** - Flower Duet from "Lakmé" (arranged for viola and piano)
9. **Edvard Elgar** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 82: 1st Movement
10. **Zoltán Kodály** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 8: 2nd Movement
11. **Benjamin Britten** - Lachrymae: Reflections on a Song of Dowland: 1st Movement
12. **Joaquín Rodrigo** - Concierto de Aranjuez: 2nd Movement (arranged for viola)
13. **Sergei Prokofiev** - Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 19: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
14. **César Franck** - Sonata in A Major: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
15. **Gabriel Fauré** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 120: 1st Movement
16. **Aram Khachaturian** - Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia (arranged for viola)
17. **Henryk Wieniawski** - Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 15 (arranged for viola)
18. **Carl Nielsen** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 2nd Movement
19. **Mieczysław Weinberg** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 20: 1st Movement
20. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 1st Movement
21. **Sergei Rachmaninoff** - Vocalise, Op. 34 No. 14 (arranged for viola)
22. **Charles Ives** - The Unanswered Question (arranged for viola)

23. **Béla Bartók** - Rumanian Folk Dances (arranged for viola)
24. **Antonín Dvořák** - Slavonic Dance in E Minor, Op. 72 No. 2 (arranged for viola)
25. **Jules Massenet** - Meditation from "Thaïs" (arranged for viola)
26. **Samuel Barber** - Adagio for Strings (arranged for viola)
27. **Ottorino Respighi** - Ancient Airs and Dances Suite No. 1: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
28. **Richard Strauss** - Also sprach Zarathustra: Introduction (arranged for viola)
29. **Astor Piazzolla** - Libertango (arranged for viola)
30. **John Williams** - Theme from "Star Wars" (arranged for viola)

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1. **J.S. Bach** - Suite for Solo Viola No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007: Prelude
2. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 1st and 2nd Movements
3. **Rebecca Clarke** - Sonata for Viola and Piano
4. **Paul Hindemith** - Ludus Tonalis: Prelude and Fugue for Viola
5. **Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach** - Sonata for Viola in G Major, H. 562: 1st and 2nd Movements
6. **Béla Bartók** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Sz. 120: 1st Movement
7. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Sonata for Viola and Piano in F Major, Op. 87: 1st Movement
8. **Eugène Ysaÿe** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 27: 1st Movement
9. **Gabriel Fauré** - Elegie, Op. 24
10. **Mieczysław Weinberg** - Viola Sonata No. 2, Op. 147: 1st Movement
11. **Sergei Prokofiev** - Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 63: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
12. **Carl Nielsen** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 1st Movement
13. **Aram Khachaturian** - Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia (arranged for viola)
14. **Antonín Dvořák** - Romance in F Minor, Op. 11 (arranged for viola)
15. **Joaquín Rodrigo** - Concierto de Aranjuez: 2nd Movement (arranged for viola)
16. **Henryk Wieniawski** - Concerto in D Minor, Op. 22: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
17. **Othmar Schoeck** - Berceuse, Op. 45
18. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 3rd Movement
19. **William Walton** - Façade: 3rd Movement (arranged for viola)
20. **Kurt Weill** - Threepenny Opera: "Mack the Knife" (arranged for viola)
21. **César Franck** - Sonata in A Major: 2nd Movement (arranged for viola)
22. **Philip Glass** - Music in Similar Motion (arranged for viola)
23. **John Adams** - Shaker Loops: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
24. **Astor Piazzolla** - Oblivion (arranged for viola)
25. **Edvard Elgar** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 82: 2nd Movement
26. **Samuel Barber** - Viola Concerto, Op. 3: 1st Movement
27. **George Frideric Handel** - Sonata in D Major, HWV 371: 1st Movement
28. **Clara Schumann** - Romance for Viola and Piano, Op. 22
29. **Edward Elgar** - Serenade for Strings in E Minor, Op. 20: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
30. **Léo Delibes** - Les Filles de Cadiz: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)

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1. **J.S. Bach** - Suite for Solo Viola No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008: Prelude
2. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 3rd Movement
3. **Rebecca Clarke** - Prelude, Allegro, and Pastorale for Viola and Piano
4. **Paul Hindemith** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 11 No. 4: 1st Movement
5. **Zoltán Kodály** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 8: 1st Movement
6. **Sergei Prokofiev** - Viola Sonata in D Major, Op. 117: 1st Movement
7. **Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach** - Sonata in A Minor, H. 562: 1st Movement
8. **Benjamin Britten** - Lachrymae, Op. 48: 1st Movement
9. **Eugène Ysaÿe** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 27: 2nd Movement
10. **Béla Bartók** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra, Sz. 120: 1st Movement
11. **Mieczysław Weinberg** - Sonata for Viola and Piano No. 1, Op. 24: 1st Movement
12. **Johannes Brahms** - Sonata for Viola and Piano in F Minor, Op. 120 No. 1: 1st Movement
13. **Claude Debussy** - Sonata for Viola and Piano: 1st Movement
14. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Sonata for Viola and Piano in E-flat Major, Op. 120 No. 2: 1st Movement
15. **Edward Elgar** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 82: 1st Movement
16. **Paul Hindemith** - Ludus Tonalis: Fugue for Viola
17. **Astor Piazzolla** - Four Seasons of Buenos Aires: Winter
18. **Carl Nielsen** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 2nd Movement
19. **William Walton** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 1st Movement
20. **Aram Khachaturian** - Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia: Viola Arrangement
21. **Henryk Wieniawski** - Konzertstück, Op. 6 (arranged for viola)
22. **Gustav Holst** - St. Paul's Suite: 3rd Movement (arranged for viola)
23. **Franz Schubert** - Arpeggione Sonata, D. 821: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
24. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Viola Sonata in C, Op. 147: 2nd Movement
25. **Alfred Schnittke** - Sonata for Viola and Piano: 1st Movement
26. **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** - Scheherazade: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
27. **Vaughan Williams** - Suite for Viola and Small Orchestra: 1st Movement
28. **Marcel Tournier** - Suite for Viola and Piano: 1st Movement
29. **Isang Yun** - Viola Concerto: 1st Movement
30. **Sofia Gubaidulina** - Sonata for Viola and Piano: 1st Movement

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1. **J.S. Bach** - Suite for Solo Viola No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1009: Prelude
2. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 1st Movement
3. **Rebecca Clarke** - Sonata for Viola and Piano
4. **Paul Hindemith** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 11 No. 5: 1st Movement
5. **Zoltán Kodály** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 8: 3rd Movement
6. **Benjamin Britten** - Lachrymae, Op. 48: 5th Movement (Passacaglia)
7. **Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach** - Sonata in G Major, H. 562: 2nd Movement
8. **Béla Bartók** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Sz. 120: 1st Movement
9. **Sergei Prokofiev** - Viola Sonata in D Major, Op. 117: 3rd Movement
10. **Alfredo Piatti** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra, Op. 12: 1st Movement
11. **Mieczysław Weinberg** - Sonata for Viola and Piano No. 2, Op. 26: 1st Movement
12. **Ludwig van Beethoven** - Sonata for Viola and Piano in E-flat Major, Op. 120 No. 1: 2nd Movement
13. **Gustav Holst** - St. Paul's Suite: 1st Movement (arranged for viola)
14. **Henri Vieuxtemps** - Concerto for Viola in G Minor, Op. 39: 1st Movement
15. **Paul Hindemith** - Trauermusik for Viola and Strings
16. **Eugène Ysaÿe** - Sonata for Solo Viola, Op. 27: 1st Movement
17. **Aram Khachaturian** - Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia: Viola Arrangement
18. **Carl Nielsen** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 1st Movement
19. **William Walton** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 2nd Movement
20. **Astor Piazzolla** - Four Seasons of Buenos Aires: Spring
21. **Joaquín Rodrigo** - Concierto de Aranjuez: 2nd Movement (arranged for viola)
22. **Henryk Wieniawski** - Konzertstück, Op. 6 (arranged for viola)
23. **Sergei Rachmaninoff** - Vocalise, Op. 34 No. 14 (arranged for viola)
24. **Dmitri Shostakovich** - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147: 2nd Movement
25. **André Jolivet** - Cinq Incantations for Viola Solo
26. **Sofia Gubaidulina** - Sonata for Viola and Piano: 2nd Movement
27. **Béla Bartók** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 2nd Movement
28. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** - Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major, K. 364: 1st Movement
29. **Jacques Ibert** - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra: 1st Movement
30. **César Franck** - Sonata for Viola and Piano: 1st Movement