



Arizona School for the Arts

STRING DEPARTMENT VIDEO ASSESSMENT

ASA Strings is a multi-level, ability-based program. Students in 5/6 grades are eligible for placement in Introduction to Strings or Advanced Beginning Strings. Students in 7–12 grades are eligible for placement in String Foundations 1, String Foundations 2, Symphony or Chamber Orchestra. Students who do not wish to be considered for an advanced level DO NOT AUDITION. Please read the following carefully and follow all steps completely, including current private or music teacher’s contact information.

Minimum prerequisites for placement beyond String Foundations 1 or Introduction to Strings:

1. Scales Quarter note=88 bpm (record all scales as one video file – label this video “scales/studentname”):□

Violin: minimum 2 octave G and D Major scales and arpeggios

Viola: minimum 2 octave D and G Major scales and arpeggios

Cello: minimum 2 octave D Major, minimum 1 octave Bb Major scales and arpeggios

Bass: minimum 1 octave D Major (start on d string), minimum 1 octave Bb Major scales and arpeggios

2. Solo Repertoire fast movement (record as a separate 1 min. to 1 min./15 sec. video file): – performance grade level 1.5 or above (Label this video “fast/studentname”)

3. Solo Repertoire slow movement (record as a separate 1 min. to 1 min./15 sec. video file): – performance grade level 1.5 or above (Label this video “slow/studentname”)

It is not necessary to submit a professionally produced recording, but the sound quality should be very good. Make sure that proper lighting is used and that the camera shows full range of your movement and instrument. Each segment must be performed in a single, unedited take.

Each piece should be uploaded as a separate file and labeled as above. The following digital files formats may be used: AVI, M4V, MOV, MP4, MPG, WMV.

Replay and listen to your recording. If the sound quality is distorted, re-record as many times as necessary to ensure a quality recording.

Students meeting these requirements and exhibiting correct body posture, instrument hold and bow hold will be considered for String Foundations 2 or Advanced Beginning Strings. Students in Grades 7 – 12 that surpass these minimal requirements may be considered for Symphony or Chamber Orchestra placement.

Use the following as an email template. Send videos and required information to admissions@goasa.org

Subject: Student Name String Video Audition

In body of email:

Student Name:

Grade currently in:

Email:

Phone:

Video 1 contains the following scales:

Video 2 contains the following fast piece; specify title, composer and movement (if appropriate):

Video 2 contains the following slow piece; specify title, composer and movement (if appropriate):

Student's private teacher or music instructor:

Name:

Email: