



Skill Maps

VIOLIN

BEGINNER LEVEL 2: TEEN - ADULT

Taaqademy's music teachers are carefully chosen for their musical ability, teaching aptitude, live performance experience and music qualifications - pretty much in that order. We can confidently claim to have some of the country's top musicians with us. As a result, we use a proprietary method of '**Skill Maps**' to bring structure and focus

to our classes, enabling our musicians to **avoid cookie-cutter methods** when working with students. Skill Maps provide **detailed specifics** on what students should be able to accomplish at every level while allowing our teachers to use their own **unique approaches**, songs, techniques and shortcuts to get students there!

VIOLIN BEGINNER LEVEL 2: AREAS COVERED



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS



SIGHT READING



EAR TRAINING



SONG LEARNING



MUSCULAR TRAINING



MUSIC EXAMINATIONS



LIVE PERFORMANCE

DETAILS ON PG.2



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

- Familiarity with the parts of a violin & bow, and the ability to tune a violin
- Ability to play the C & G major, and D natural minor scales & arpeggios, with the right finger positions, starting from both - open strings & the third finger position



EAR TRAINING

- Ability to sing the major & natural minor scales in a comfortable key



MUSCULAR TRAINING

- Bowing exercises: up & down bows for each note within a given range
- Slurring the notes of a major scale in pairs
- Double stops with the open strings slurred
- Scales & arpeggios played between 80-90 bpm



SIGHT READING

- Understanding the 4/4 time signature
- Familiarity with minims, crotchets & quavers
- Up/down bow markings & reading slurs
- Ability to sight read simple pieces from Trinity Grade 1



SONG LEARNING

- Ability to play simple exercises/pieces from Trinity Grade 1 with the appropriate dynamics, phrasing & articulation
- Ability to pick up simple melodies by ear



LIVE PERFORMANCE

- Participation in 1 Taaqademy Recital



MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

- Depending on ability, Trinity/ABRSM Grade 1 Examination

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

This question gets asked a lot! Allow us to give you a simple rule-of-thumb:

- At this level, if you **consistently** practice for an avg. **30min - 1 hr. per day**, you can expect to have covered the above in **3 - 4 months (12 - 16 classes)**.
- If you practice **2 hrs. per week**, this could **add 1 - 3 months**.
- If you practice **<1 hr. per week**, you could take **6+ months!**