

SSSS Excerpts 2024

Viola

1. Blue-Fire Fiddler (S. H. Newbold)

Presto (♩ = 96-120)

The musical score is written for Viola in 4/4 time, key of D major. It begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piece is marked 'Presto' with a tempo of 96-120 beats per minute. The score consists of four staves of music, primarily featuring sixteenth-note passages with various articulations such as slurs, accents, and breath marks.

What we're after:

- Strong, clear tone
- Accuracy of pitch and rhythm, with steady pulse throughout
- Accuracy of bowings and articulations
- **Advice:** take this excerpt at the fastest tempo that is *comfortable*, not necessarily the fastest tempo *possible* for you (within the marked tempo range). Our priority is accuracy over speed!

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2. Sleeping Beauty Waltz (P. I. Tchaikovsky)

Tempo di valse (♩ = 144-156)

The musical score is written for Viola in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking. The second staff features a forte (*f*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The third and fourth staves continue the melodic line with various articulations and dynamics.

What we're after:

- High quality of tone, especially in low dynamics
- Attention paid to the key signature
- Accuracy of pitch and rhythm
- Accidentals played correctly