



### **Michaela's Music House: The Magic of the Violin**

**Gwendolyn Masin**

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This is an excellent, very well-structured tutor book which provides physical exercises for establishing the basis of a sound technique for both left and right hands, the bow-hold and principal bow strokes.

As a full-time violin teacher I find myself constantly trying to find different ways of improving and establishing all aspects of a good technique. This book provides an indispensable resource of exercises which are explained in a way that a child of the age of 4+ would easily be able to understand and actually love doing. Each new game is accompanied by a little story which helps the young child understand the new underlying concept and the book is beautifully illustrated in a way that will be appealing to young pupils and teachers alike. I found that having a series of photographs accompanying the detailed account of the stages involved in explaining how to develop a sound bow-hold extremely helpful. In fact, this book could be seen as an invaluable reference book by violin teachers when lateral thinking is required to develop or indeed improve

the physical posture which we as teachers are always aiming to achieve or modify.

The author's approach uses primarily Violin Tutor, Book One by Sándor, Járdány and Szervánsky (1950) for the first few steps of playing and also uses Tunes for my Violin by Eleanor Murray and Phyllis Tate (1938) to provide a different musical type of experience i.e. music from both the East and West.

Summing up, this is a reference book I will be able to use extensively to improve my own day-to-day teaching in schools; I feel sure my pupils will approve of the new imaginative little games, analogies and stories I intend to incorporate into my lessons. Thank you so much Gwendolyn Masin.

Glowing accolades endorsing this book have come from great pedagogues and performers such as Igor Ozim, Maxim Vengerov, Anne-Sophie Mutter and David Zinman. DAVID COOPER

Michaela's Music House is an extension of Gwendolyn's combined musical experiences of more than two decades. Her answer as to why she treads beyond the conventional realm of a sought-after musician in writing a book falls right back into step with Gwendolyn's motivation when she performs on stage: "I devised this method so that I can share the joy and excitement of music-making with a broader public." "...a novel approach to learning a string instrument, particularly the violin by appealing to a child's imagination throughout with various characters and stories, the author aims to enable young pupils to learn about their instrument and different playing techniques, gain confidence, and enjoy creating music and performing." — aedAn gormley, lyric fm. Michaela's Music House, The Magic of the Violin, by Gwendolyn Masin. www.gwendolynmasin.com. Illustration Colm Mac Athlaoich www.macathlaoich.com. Design Katy Judge, designworks www.designworks.ie. Thanks to Emma Eager, Jan GrÄ¼ning, Alex McKee, Rod Morris and Young European Strings School of Music www.young-european-strings.com. Ms Masin is a member of ProLitteris www.prolitteris.ch. Published in 2009 by Musikhaus und Musikverlag M¼ller & Schade AG www.mueller-schade.com. The copyrights are held by the authors and publishers indicated. This work is copyright protected. Therefore any reproduction or duplication is permitted only with expressed consent of the publisher. Inner ear training is a very important aspect to learning any musical instrument to illustrate my point. I'm going to demonstrate a sight reading exercise written by Hilton Code. I first I'm gonna sing the melody line which consist of only two notes doe and Ray Right baby alright right now. I'm going to use hand signs to show the different notes so this is, though, and this is Ray right alright alright alright alright alright alright Once I've done that I'm going to you know tap the rhythm backwards Now, finally, I'm going to show you what it sounds like when I put all the elements of just. demonstrated to you together so I'm gonna sing the melody forward with sofa names. PagesMediaBooks & MagazinesBookMichaela's Music HouseVideosMichaela's Music House - The Magic of the Violin. Michaela's Music House book. Read reviews from world's largest community for readers. Gothic romance, dueling family restaurants, West African magic, and much, much more! It sure looks like 2021 is shaping up to be a year of Read more 96 likes · 6 comments. Trivia About Michaela's Music No trivia or quizzes yet. Add some now ».