

Music for string players to listen to

I hope you enjoy listening to some or all these inspirational pieces of music. I will keep adding to this and maybe even record a few things for you. I'm enjoying listening to Lindsey Stirling's new album at the moment 😊

Click on the blue link and it will take you to YouTube. Please remember to ask you parents/carers permission to use the internet and why not show them the amazing pieces you could play one day.

Artist	Title and composer	What to listen for/interesting discussion points
The Piano Guys	Rewrite the stars from The Greatest Showman	Watch how the violinist uses the whole bow for the long notes and look and listen for vibrato (shaking her left hand to make the sound warmer).
The Piano Guys	Beethoven's 5 secrets	Listen for the famous classical tune and the pop song that have been put together. Notice the electric cello. It sounds different and has no body. There is no need for a sound box as the cello is plugged into an amplifier (they can do this wirelessly now!) Col Legno: using the wood of the bow. Be inspired by the talent of the young people in the orchestra. This music makes me feel uplifted and positive :)
The Piano Guys	Cello wars	If you like Star Wars you'll love this!

		Listen to all the amazing sound effects you can get using an electric instrument. PLEASE DO NOT TRY THIS WITH YOUR BOW!!!!
Lindsey Stirling	Master of tides	Enjoy this one 😊 Lindsey doesn't always use the standard classical violin techniques she plays more in a folk style. She has lots of videos on YouTube and covers pop songs and film music too.
The city of Prague Philharmonic.	John Williams 40 years of film music. Hedwig's theme Jaws Jurassic Park	Film music. How are the dynamics, tempo, instrumentation, rhythms (ostinatos) etc. used effectively to show the type of film that the music is from? The instrument that looks like a piano is a celeste. Jaws and Jurassic Park are conducted by John Williams himself. See how many instruments of the orchestra you can name.
Orquesta Sinfónica Simón Bolívar	Danzon No2 Dudamel	This is one of my favourite pieces of music. Just wait until it really gets going! The young people in the orchestra come from Venezuela. Enjoy the beautiful violin solo and the smooth string section that follows.