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Does this sound like a bit of turn-of-the-whatever hype to you? Does it matter if AVS expands its membership base? Why should you make the effort to get at least one member to join? To put it in strict Americanese: “What’s in it for me?”

**REASON NUMBER ONE:** Expanding our membership reduces the “per member” fixed costs for the society. Journal production, presentation of Congresses, and general administration costs are largely fixed, regardless of the membership. Doubling the membership would mean that we could reduce the administrative cost of each membership, keeping membership affordable for years to come.

**REASON NUMBER TWO:** Expanded membership will allow the AVS board to pursue worthwhile projects. An expanded membership base in the last two years has led to the establishment of the country’s largest local viola competition (the Chicago Viola Society’s annual solo competition, with over $10,000 in prizes) and the first viola student writing competition on a national level (see p. 13 for details on the David Dalton Viola Research Competition). The AVS board is considering coproducing a reference volume on the great violas of the world, publishing out-of-print items from the archives, and hosting regional “mini-congresses.” The bulk of income from new memberships could be used to support these and other projects.

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4–8 Aug. International Viola Congress in Linköping

TOUR TWO:

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Vesna Gruppman holds a doctorate in violin and viola from the Moscow Conservatory, where she studied with David Oistrakh and Yuri Yankelvich. She won the International Violin Competition in 1976 and has appeared as violin soloist with the Prague Philharmonic, the Moscow Philharmonic, and the Beethoven Philharmonic (London) and in recital at London's Wigmore Hall and St. John's Smith Square, Kiev's Philharmonic Hall, and Mozart's Bertramka in Prague. She has recorded, as violist, the original version of the Brahms F minor quartet with principal players of St. Martin in the Fields. Among many prominent reviews the Classical CD Digest mentions her "electrifyingly intense, ripe-toned viola playing." At BYU she coordinates the activities of the violin area and teaches violin and viola.
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An era has ended. Emil Seiler died 21 March 1998. Seiler was a man who, like scarcely anyone else, represented the history of the viola and especially the viola d’amore in the 20th century. His lifelong interest in contemporary music was pointing the way, yet his importance for early music can hardly be overestimated. Besides his recordings of contemporary music, his more than 16 records (produced since the ’50s in the “Archiv” series of the Deutsche Grammophon Gesellschaft) gave an increasing audience the chance to experience the sound of the viola d’amore for the first time in this century.

It was Paul Hindemith himself who, since 1929, introduced Emil Seiler to his own compositions and evoked Emil Seiler’s enthusiasm for contemporary viola music. At the same time, Hindemith invited him to take part in his experiments with period instruments of the
Deutsche Vesper

Donnerstag, den 8. März 1934, nachm. 6 Uhr im Theatersaal

1. JOHANN PACHELBEL, Choral-Variationen über den Choral "Werde munter, mein Gemüte"
   Positiv: Prof. Fritz Heitmann

2. HEINRICH SCHÜTZ, „Herr, wenn ich nur dich habe“ aus dem 73. Psalm für 2 Chöre
   Mitglieder des Staats- und Domchors
   Disant-Viola: Prof. Hans Mählke
   Alto-Viola: Emil Seiler
   Tenor-Gambe: Prof. Paul Grümmer
   Bass-Gambe: Fr. Ingeborg Tilsen
   Continuo: Prof. Fritz Heitmann
   Leitung: Prof. Alfred Sittard

3. SAMUEL SCHEIDT, Orgelchoral „Vater unser im Himmelreich“
   Regal: Prof. Fritz Heitmann

4. HEINRICH SCHÜTZ, Wechselgesang
   a) Psalm 134, „Den Herren lob mit Freuden“ Vers 1
   b) Psalm 29, „Bringt Ehr und Preis dem Herren“ Vers 1
   c) Gamber Quartett
   d) Psalm 29, Vers II
   e) Psalm 134, Vers II
   Mitglieder des Staats- und Domchors
   Gamber wie vorher
   Leitung: Prof. Alfred Sittard

5. MICHAEL PRAETORIUS, Zwei Variationen über den Choral „Num lob meine Seele“ den Herrn
   Portativ: Prof. Fritz Heitmann

6. HEINRICH SCHÜTZ, „Was mein Gott will, das g’scheh allzeit“
   (sechsstimmig)
   Mitglieder des Staats- und Domchors
   Leitung: Prof. Alfred Sittard
   Disant-Viola: Prof. Hans Mählke, Querflöte: Prof. Georg Schwennemann
   Alto-Viola: Emil Seiler, Querflöte: Kurt Schläger
   Gamber, Prof. Paul Grümmer, Volkmar Kohlschütter
   Sylvia Grümmer, Ingeborg Tilsen, Hans Dosscher
   Kontroß: Gustav Krüger

Program from an early music concert at the Berlin Musikhochschule, including both Seiler and Hindemith.
Berlin Collection of Musical Instruments. In his dissertation of 1938 on the viola d’amore, Werner E. Köhler noted Emil Seiler’s merits as an advocate of the viola d’amore, and with respect to Hindemith and Seiler—both of whom he mentions by name—Köhler writes:

“Artists of the young generation . . . have committed themselves to the revival of the viola d’amore and earned particular merits by bringing the old and valuable literature (which still awaits its utilization and publication in libraries) in its original form to a larger audience.”

A well-known photograph shows Hindemith and Seiler during a concert in the Berlin Museum of Musical Instruments playing so-called “discant viola da braccio” or, rather, viola d’amore without sympathetic strings.

Some biographical data on Emil Seiler can be found in Harry Danks’s commendable book *The Viola D’Amore* (Halesowen: Bois de Boulogne, 1976, p. 102) and in the first volume of Maurice Riley’s *History of the Viola* (Ann Arbor: Braun-Brumfield, 1980, p. 360). It seems appropriate to draw special attention to this fascinating man’s life work for the cause of the viola and the viola d’amore. Through material his widow and his daughter made available recently (including an autobiographical sketch), a more detailed biography is provided here.

### 1. Musical Education

On 5 February 1906, Emil Seiler was born into a music-loving home in the city of Nuremberg, Bavaria. At the age of eight he took his first violin lessons from members of the local Nuremberg symphony orchestra. His first teacher, Herr Vibrans, was actually playing first horn in that orchestra. The lessons must have been quite successful, since Seiler’s next teacher was the first concertmaster Jean Wagner. The subject of his lessons with Wagner consisted basically of duo literature: Mozart, Pleyel, Mazas, Spohr, etc. Seiler was also allowed to take part in the children’s concerts of the Nuremberg orchestra, sitting next to his teacher.

After three years of bank clerk training, Emil Seiler started his violin studies at the Nuremberg Conservatory with Seby Horváth, a student of Albert Rosé. Seiler soon became Horváth’s favorite student. According to Seiler, the classes included the school of fingering and bowing technique by Sevcik, as well as études by Klatt, works of Bach, and the Grieg and Pfitzner sonatas. Horváth also fostered Seiler’s apparent teaching skills by entrusting him with his son’s violin lessons. In his autobiographical notes, Seiler remarks, “The joy of teaching remains with me until the end of my life.”

Every week Seiler played the viola in Horváth’s chamber music classes. His crucial experience was studying the Trio for Two Violins and Viola by Zoltán Kodály. With this piece, Horváth evoked not only Seiler’s interest in contemporary music but also his love for the sound of the viola. Seiler states, “From that time on it became my very own instrument.”

In 1928, Seiler continued his studies at the Berlin Musikhochschule with a student of Carl Flesch, Prof. Joseph Wolfsthal, who was at that time only 28 years old. Seiler had to change from his Viennese Rosé-technique to the progressive Flesch system. Wolfsthal’s
assistant, the elderly Frau Schiemann, helped Seiler with daily practice. Seiler was fascinated by the works of contemporary composers (Hindemith, Milhaud, Stravinsky) which he studied with Wolfsthal. On the other hand his teacher encouraged him to play the works of Bach from the original. During this time, Emil Seiler was, like almost all Wolfsthal students, a member of the chamber orchestra of Michael Taube and played in the chamber orchestras of Hans von Benda and Edwin Fischer.

In 1929, Prof. Wolfsthal had Seiler play the viola d'amore sonata by Paul Hindemith and also introduced him to the composer himself, who held classes for composition at the Berlin Musikhochschule at that time. During the following years an intensive collaboration between Seiler and Hindemith developed, especially in the field of early music. As Hindemith's chamber music partner, Seiler played numerous concerts with different programs built around the Partita in C Minor for Two Violins d'Amore by Biber. Under the guidance of Curt Sachs, Seiler had the opportunity to study viola d'amore, viola pomposa, different viols, pochette, and even the nail violin on original instruments.

These instruments came from the Royal Collection of Musical Instruments. They were exhibited in the Musikhochschule at that time and represent the core of today's Museum of Musical Instruments in Berlin. Sachs also produced a film on ancient musical instruments in which Seiler participated.

Following these activities, Hellmuth Christian Wolff invited Seiler to introduce the viola d'amore to the musicology students at the Berlin University. He made it possible for Seiler to examine and copy old manuscripts for the viola d'amore in the Staatsbibliothek. Here Seiler met Vladim Borissowski, who became a lifelong friend. Seiler visited Borissowski in Moscow in September 1971.

In February 1932, Prof. Wolfsthal fell ill from pneumonia during a visit to the United States and died a few days later. After the sudden death of his violin teacher, Seiler continued his studies with Prof. Hans Mahlke in Berlin, eventually changing to the viola. Half a year later Seiler played, for his final exam, a solo sonata by Hindemith and Milhaud's Viola Concerto Op. 108, dedicated to Hindemith. However, he was ridiculed for his preference for contemporary music, since in 1932, one year before the National Socialists seized power in Germany, the ultraconservative view on music had gained influence in Berlin as well. At that time no one could foresee that Seiler's enthusiasm for the works of Hindemith and his contemporaries would later qualify him to succeed his teacher Mahlke at the Hochschule der Künste in West Berlin.

2. Contemporary Music and Early Music in National Socialist Berlin

After 1933, “bitter times” began. The Volksmusikschule Prenzlauer Berg, where Seiler and his composer-friend Harald Genzmer taught and where Hindemith held lectures, was closed. During this time, Hans Mersmann prepared a radio program with new chamber music in cooperation with Hindemith and Seiler at the Deutschland-sender Berlin. In 1933, Mersmann had been dismissed from the Technische Hochschule Berlin because of his commitment to contemporary music, so he could only follow from the outside when, in his last broadcast, Seiler played the Sonatina for Viola and Piano by Paul Dessau and the Heckelphon Trio by Paul Hindemith. A few months later the performance of Hindemith's music was banned altogether by the National Socialists. However, Seiler was able to collect the radio's reference recordings of all productions in which he participated.

During these bitter times many leading figures of musical life left Germany: Klemperer, Ullstein, Richter, Fuchs, etc. By recommendation of Hindemith, Emil Seiler had given lessons to Ullstein's daughter and to the son of Otto Klemperer. Curt Sachs had left for Paris, where he worked on his “Anthologie Sonore,” a collection of records with samples from 2000 years of musical history. Around 1935, Sachs planned a recording of the Biber partita for the anthology, with Hindemith and Seiler playing the viola d'amore. It is unfortunate that political reasons kept this plan from materializing, because such a recording would have been a very valuable document of the legendary pioneer work for the cause of the viola d'amore in Berlin.

From 1935 to 1943, Emil Seiler performed as co-principal violist in the recently founded orchestra of the Deutschlandsender Berlin. During the first three years, Walter Trampler (d. September 1997) played with him as...
the second co-principal viola. Outstanding conductors in Seiler's time included Richard Strauss, Herbert von Karajan, Hans Rosbaud, Carl Schuricht, Willem Mengelberg, Clemens Krauss, Oswald Kabasta, Robert Steger, and Rudolf Schulz-Dornburg. In addition, Seiler taught at the Conservatory Klindworth-Scharwenka from 1935 to 1943, and from 1940 to 1943 at the Akademie für Kirchen- und Schulmusik in Berlin. Starting in 1941, Seiler was also responsible for the chamber music department at the Deutschlandsender Berlin. The programs broadcast were generally confined to baroque chamber music with viola d'amore, because contemporary music was not produced.

Nevertheless, Emil Seiler continued to play new compositions, for instance at the regular gatherings in the house of the "degenerate" painter Emil Nolde in Berlin, which were organized by his wife and the pianist Frau Tscharner. He also participated in the matinee concerts which took place every third Sunday, performing contemporary music in the music library of Berlin-Charlottenburg. Together with pianist Edith Picht-Axenfeld, Seiler played compositions by Harald Genzmer, Johann Nepomuk David, and Cäsar Bresgen.

3. Happy Years in Austria

When the first bombs fell on Berlin in 1943, the home of the Seiler family was destroyed. Because of the unrest due to bombings, the special radio department for early music, headed by Seiler, was evacuated to Austria. Seiler handpicked a few musicians to accompany him to the Bruckner Seminary St. Florian near Linz: Walter Gerwig (lute), Lisedore Häge (harpsichord), Thea von Sparr and Werner Tietz (recorder). In his autobiographical notes, Seiler points out that none of his colleagues were members of the National Socialist Party. For his negative attitude towards the Party, Seiler was criticized by the Reichsintendant Glasmeier.

During this time, numerous recordings of early music were produced, mainly for the Deutschlandsender Prague, but new compositions were played as well. The composer Johann Nepomuk David, whom Seiler knew from performances of David's works in Berlin, had moved from the bombed-out city of Leipzig to his birthplace, Eferding, near Linz. He repeatedly visited Seiler at the Bruckner Seminary, where he had spent his youth as a choirboy. While listening to the early music performances, he remarked, "I'll write early music myself, but very different." As a result he dedicated his Solo Sonata for Viola op. 31 no. 3 to Emil Seiler and composed two more works for the group around him: the Sonata for Lute op. 31 no. 5 and the Duos op. 32 for Flute and Viola, Recorder and Lute, Clarinet and Viola. Furthermore, David wrote the Duo Sonata op. 31a for Viola d'Amore and Viola da Gamba for Seiler (1942), as well as the Variations on an Original Theme op. 32 no. 4 (now op. posth.) for the same instruments (1945).

In this context, Seiler in his notes recalls an interesting incident that was talked and laughed about in St. Florian: In the '40s the German rulers felt offended by the fact that the director of the Leipzig Musikhochschule, Johann Nepomuk David, had a surname from the Old Testament. So the major of Leipzig approached David with the urgent recommendation to give up his name and adopt the name of "Hitler's much-admired Richard Wagner." Needless to say, the Austrian composer rejected this approach.

Three weeks before the end of World War II, Seiler, Gerwig, and Tietz were called up for the so-called "Volkssturm." Werner Tietz, who was engaged to the harpsichordist Lisedore Häge, was killed during the last days of the war. Emil Seiler was taken prisoner by the American army and was discharged a little while later with a serious disease. On his return to St. Florian (the Americans who had moved there in the meantime called it the "happy abbey"), he did not find his record collection of radio broadcasts with music by Stravinsky and Hindemith and others. Seiler's search for these invaluable sound recordings remained unsuccessful.

4. As Professor in Germany

Starting in the fall of 1945, Seiler had a contract as principal viola of the Salzburg Mozarteum orchestra. In Salzburg he again met David, who had become director of the Mozarteum. Seiler turned to contemporary viola music once more. So after the 11-year prohibition of Hindemith's music, Emil Seiler was the first to perform one of Hindemith's compositions for a German radio station again:
in 1946, he played the Schwanendreher Concerto from Hindemith's handwritten parts because no printed material was available in Austria. A few weeks later he continued on this course with the Viola Concerto by William Walton.

At Christmas 1946, all native Germans were expelled from Austria, and Seiler came to Freiburg via Munich and Nuremberg. In Freiburg he started teaching at the Musikhochschule before he became professor for viola, viola d'amore, and chamber music in 1947. Joining the chamber music group formed around flutist Gustav Scheck, the director of the Hochschule, Seiler committed himself again to contemporary and early music. (Concert tours featured the Debussy Trio and solo sonatas by Reger and Hindemith.)

In February 1955, Emil Seiler moved to Berlin, where he had been offered the vacant professorship of his former teacher Prof. Hans Mahlke. In Berlin he tried to revive the spirit of his own studies with Hindemith and Sachs. In the collection of musical instruments, he found a duplicate of Hindemith's viola d'amore that was built by Sprenger and Frankfurt. Seiler notes, "Hindemith liked to play the Sprenger viola d'amore very much because it stayed in tune so well." In the archives of the Hochschule he found Hindemith's manuscripts, which included many copies of works for viola d'amore and other historical instruments. Seiler's list from memory reflects the repertoire of those pioneers in the field of viola d'amore and early music in Berlin:

- Petzold, Suite for viola (d'amore) alone
- Ariosti, at least 3 sonatas for viola d'amore and continuo
- Biber, 1. Partita for 2 violen d'amore and continuo 2. Partita for 2 violins and continuo
- Rust, 2 sonatas for viola d'amore and piano
- At least 6 sonatas for violin and continuo by Biber (which Hindemith repeatedly played in concerts)
- Stamitz, Duo Sonata for viola d'amore and violin

Since the 1950s, more than 16 recordings with early music were produced in the Archiv series of the Deutsche Grammophon Gesellschaft. Some of them were granted the "Grand prix du disque." With these recordings, the music for viola d'amore became accessible to a larger public for the first time. In addition, Seiler produced 11 records with viola music for the Electrola label; he also produced three records with Collosseum in which he played the original historical instruments of the Germanisches Nationalmuseum in Nuremberg. Even before the war Seiler could be heard on a recording of Harold in Italy by Hector Berlioz.

Some of Emil Seiler's numerous students became interested in playing the viola d'amore. In addition to his intensive teaching activities, Seiler played in the Berlin String Quartet for many years. With his colleagues Rudolf Schulz (first violin), Willi Kirch (second violin), and Lutz Walther (cello), he went on numerous concert tours abroad.

The list of works dedicated to Seiler which he wrote down himself includes 13 compositions for viola. Works for viola d'amore are not listed, not even the above-mentioned compositions by David. It is possible that another list of viola d'amore pieces dedicated to Seiler might exist. The viola list reads as follows:

- David, solo sonata
- Frank Mich. Beyer, Sonata for viola and organ
- Genzmer, Sonata for viola and piano
- Tiessen, Ansnelufte (viola and piano)
- Hannenheim (student of Schoenberg), Suite for viola and piano
- Theodor Wagner, Lamentatio (viola and piano)
- Wilh. Keller, Psalmenweisen (viola and piano)
- Konr. Roetscher, Triptychon (viola and piano)
- Gottfried Müller, Canzone (viola and piano)
- Wilh. Keller, Psalmenweisen (viola and piano)
- Ahrens, Sonata for Viola and Organ
- Bertram Sonata for Viola and Organ
- Richter Gotthold Ludwig, 3 pieces for viola and organ "Es ist genug."

In 1974, Emil Seiler retired and did not play in public anymore. He moved back to Freiburg and founded the music kindergarten
Pflüger Stiftung, where he practiced a playlike approach to the violin for children. When the Pflüger Stiftung was reconstructed in 1977, Seiler retired altogether and lived a rather secluded life.

In 1988, Seiler attended the viola d'amore congress in Stuttgart as a guest of honor of the Viola d'Amore Society of America. A special lecture dealt with Emil Seiler's contributions to the viola d'amore. On 5 February 1996, Seiler celebrated his 90th birthday and received honors from the city of Freiburg, the Senate of Berlin, and the Viola d'Amore Society.

Emil Seiler lived just a five-minute walk from my home in Freiburg. I am delighted to have been able to talk with him during the past six years, and I even received a few lessons. After 92 years, on 21 March 1998, Emil Seiler's eventful life ended peacefully. His death is a loss for all who are concerned about the state of the viola d'amore.

—translated by Kai Köpp

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Marilyn C. Emmons: In Memoriam

Marilyn C. Emmons, 70, passed away 20 May 1999 in Fort Collins, Colorado. A beloved member of our extended viola family, Marilyn was a rare combination of great artist, consummate pedagogue, and accomplished scholar. Known throughout the region for her gorgeous warm tone, impeccable phrasing, and tremendous expressive range, she was a dedicated and inspired teacher, superbly analytical, encouraging and consistent, and a wonderful role model and mentor for aspiring violists and teachers. To all who knew her, she was kind and generous, energetic and articulate, humorous and optimistic.

Marilyn Carroll was born 24 March 1929, in Shreveport, Louisiana, and began violin studies at age 6. At age 16, she began studies at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, majoring in Music Education and Spanish. She received her Master of Arts in Spanish at Tulane University in 1949. While at Tulane she married Glenroy Emmons, who was to be her husband of 53 years, and subsequently they became the parents of three sons: Steven, Scott, and Mark.

Marilyn played in orchestras in Albuquerque and Las Cruces, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas, before moving to Fort Collins, Colorado, in 1964. She joined the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra that year, performing on violin and later viola and was principal violist until her death. She was a founding member of the Front Range Chamber Players and performed with the group for 14 seasons. She also played viola da gamba with the Colorado State University Baroque Ensemble for many years.

We miss you, Marilyn, brilliant musician, teacher, colleague, and friend. May your legacy of art, love, and beauty endure forever.
—Ann Schnaidt

Jacob Glick: In Memoriam

Jacob Glick, violist, viola d'amore player, and teacher, passed away on 2 November 1999. Those who were at the 1977 International Viola Congress at the Eastman School may remember him as an outstanding violist who was very committed to music of our century. Jack's lecture-demonstration was titled "Music for Viola and Tape since 1970," and he impressively played music by Jean Ivey, Joel Chadabe, Diane Thomé, and Thea Musgrave.

Jacob Glick was born in Philadelphia in 1926. His viola studies were with Max Aronoff at the New School of Music in Philadelphia. He had subsequent studies with Lillian Fuchs and Valentin Blumberg. After playing with the Baltimore Symphony for a while, Jack came to New York and became an important and steady figure in the free-lance scene there. He was principal viola in many groups, including Clarion Concerts, the Ezterhazy Orchestra, and the Robert Shaw Chorale. He
was a member of the Philadelphia Composers Forum, the Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, the Group for Contemporary Music at Columbia University and the Manhattan School of Music, and the Penn Contemporary Players at the University of Pennsylvania. He was also violist in the Contemporary Quartet and the Silvermine String Quartet.

He was on the faculty of Bennington College for many years and also the director of the Chamber Music Conference and Composer's Forum of the East held at Bennington College in Vermont. He appeared widely in the U.S. and overseas and performed as soloist and chamber musician in Germany, the Republic of China, Russia, Yugoslavia, Canada, and Australia. His American recitals took place in Carnegie Recital Hall, the Philadelphia Ethical Culture Society, the Phillips Gallery in Washington, D.C., the University of Washington, and the University of Oregon. He also performed Hindemith's *Der Schwanendreher* at Avery Fisher Hall with the Clarion Concerts as well as at many of the international congresses of the Viola d'Amore Society of America.

He had the credit of having premiered over 200 new works, many of them written for him. In addition to his strong commitment to contemporary music, he was devoted to the viola d'amore and had a great interest in music of the 18th century. Over the years, he managed to perform all the Vivaldi Concertos for viola d'amore as well as all of the Ariosti Lessons for viola d'amore and basso at international events.

Jack Glick was a very special human being and an outstanding musician. Those who had the privilege of working with him knew a kind, witty, generous, and fatherly man who was always there to help out. His musical perceptiveness was extraordinary, and he had the ability to get right to the heart of musical matters with the utmost and convincing intelligence.

The viola world has lost a great exponent of the instrument and the world of music a great artist who will not be easily replaced.

—Myron Rosenblum
The above photo of Emile Ferir came to me from the estate of the late Harry Rumpler, my friend, colleague, and (nearly 40 years ago) my former teacher. It was a gift from Ruth Rumpler, Harry’s widow. The photo of Emile Ferir (Harry’s teacher) is autographed in French, “To my young friend Harry Rumpler with my best wishes for success . . Emile Ferir . . Los Angeles 1936.”

Ferir was an eminent violist of the great Franco-Belgium school of the late 19th century. His listing in Maurice Riley’s History of the Viola, vol. 1, mentions several orchestras for which he played principal viola (including the London Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, and the Philadelphia Orchestra) but omits mention of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the final stop in his long and traveled career.

Harry told me once that Ferir had played the solo viola part in the world premiere of R. Strauss’s Don Quixote. My sporadic attempts at researching this have so far neither confirmed nor disproved the story. I once spoke with Maurice Riley about the matter; he didn’t know who had played the solo, but he thought it quite possible that it could have been Ferir.g

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The Athletic Musician: A Guide to Playing without Pain is designed to teach musicians how to prevent and manage injuries, combining sound medical protocol with a musician’s perspective. Barbara Paull, M.C.S.P., M.C.P.A., has concentrated on orthopedic physiotherapy in many different clinical settings over 30 years and currently works as a consultant, clinician, and lecturer. Christine Harrison is a freelance violinist and teacher working in Toronto, Canada. She has performed with various symphonic, chamber, and theater groups. Paull and Harrison together presented the “Playing without Pain” workshop at the recent Guelph congress. JAMS asked violist Ralph Fielding and physical therapist Joan Firra to share their insights on this new work.

A Violist’s Perspective

Barbara Paull and Christine Harrison gave their no-nonsense, articulate, and entertaining lecture series “Playing without Pain” at this June’s Viola Congress in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. They seemed to have struck a nerve with a large number of suffering (literally) violists, as evinced by the crowds that gathered around them after each day’s talk. With props that included overhead projectors, a model skeleton, pass-around bones, lots of bad chairs, various strength-measuring devices, and volunteers from the audience, they presented musicians’ aches and pains from a physical therapy perspective. Paull has been a physical therapist for more than 30 years and has run a clinic for musicians’ injuries since 1992. Harrison was her first musician patient and is now her collaborator on their lectures around the world and in their new book The Athletic Musician: A Guide to Playing without Pain (published by Scarecrow Press, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, Maryland, 20706. Telephone: 1-800-462-6420).

Like many violists, I have grappled with the physical difficulty of playing the instrument. My main complaint has been bouts of pain and numbness in the last two fingers of the left hand, with tingling from the wrist to the elbow along the ulnar nerve. I also suffer from occasional neck cramps on the left side. This problem had been alternately diagnosed, over a 20-year period, as tendinitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, or repetitive stress syndrome. I submitted to many neurological tests (I twice had electrodes stuck in my hand and arm muscles), soaked my left arm in ice water every night, and swallowed so much aspirin daily (in the form of Alka-Seltzer) that I developed an intolerance for the drug. All this effort was to no avail. It was only recently that an MRI correctly identified the problem as nerve compression between the vertebrae in my neck.

So, it was very satisfying to see that Barbara Paull specifically calls attention to this very problem in her book, complete with X-ray view drawings of a person slumping forward (p. 45). Ms. Paull emphasizes the importance of maintaining the proper posture of neck and shoulders. She showed me, in a private consultation, some exercises I can do in the car (listed in the book) to try to restore the proper position of my neck. In fact, more than a third of the book is devoted to a basic anatomy of the arm, wrist, hand, neck, back, and shoulder, extensively illustrated and coupled with excellent advice on which movements are appropriate and which are not. For instance, don’t sit, twist, and lift, as when sitting in the front seat of a car and reaching around to get something from the back. The authors put particular emphasis on the need for musicians to develop their rotator cuff muscles (in the back shoulder area) to compensate for the strength they have built up in the front (pectoral muscles). They also point out that most musicians are exceptionally strong in the hand and arm muscles and therefore should avoid exercises designed to strengthen them further.

From the response of the seminar audiences at the Viola Congress, it was clear that many musicians have not been exposed to the
basic concepts that the authors describe. I observed the same reaction when I presented this material (in the context of the importance of good posture) to the String Pedagogy course I teach at the University of Southern California. Again, few seemed to be aware of just what stress is placed on their bodies when they play the instrument. Last year, I saw three student violists show up with “my” hand and arm symptoms. In all cases, these students were coming to school with heavy backpacks or their instrument cases, or both, pulling on their necks. This book should be required reading for all conservatory students, so that they can become aware of these issues before an injury occurs.

It is much easier to prevent problems than to attempt to correct them once the symptoms start. Ms. Paull and Ms. Harrison seek to address this by providing a comprehensive set of warmups and stretches for various muscle groups (Chapter 10). Additionally, Chapter 12 is dedicated to a variety of unobtrusive exercises and stretches one can do while on the job.

Much attention is paid to the importance of being physically warmed up before starting to play an instrument. I learned this when I first started to walk to my orchestra job: the seven-minute uphill stroll had me physically warm when I showed up and I could play comfortably right away! I did not have to do the 20 minutes of viola warmup that I normally need to reach that same feeling. Now that I live farther away and drive, I try to leave extra time to arrive early and walk. Similarly, after sitting and rehearsing for an hour and a half, I find that I’ve physically cooled down despite the playing, so I make an attempt to walk around a bit on all the breaks. This practice of trying to stay physically warm has dramatically reduced the occurrences of common aches and pains in my hands and arms.

Other useful information can be found in *The Athletic Musician*. Chapter 6 has many valuable words on posture, and Chapter 9 effectively covers the ergonomics of playing an instrument. There is advice on visualization as a means to improve performances and to reduce practice time needed on the instrument (pp. 144-45). There is an illustration of how to stretch in order to cushion your spinal disks before lifting (p. 66). There is a practical section on how to remedy the defects of various types of bad chairs found at work and everywhere else (pp. 56-65). This chapter brought back memories of the low chairs provided for a tour concert in Fukuoka, Japan, where my knees would have rested comfortably on the ground had I not had my Ali-Med seat cushion with me.

I’ll finish with a story of an unexpected hazard in my quest to reduce the physical stress of playing the viola. When I first began to experiment with correct posture in orchestra (positioning my chair so that I could face the stand directly while still seeing the conductor peripherally), I also began to experiment with reducing the amount of tension I was using to play the instrument. After discovering that I could produce a reasonably fast tremolo with a relaxed arm and wrist, I also found that I could produce a large tone without scraping or forcing, always a temptation in the heat of the moment. The culmination of my experiments was reached one morning at the end of a long rehearsal for Tchaikovsky’s 4th Symphony. As we were about to start the last movement, it occurred to me that the logical progression of expending less effort in the loud and fast 16th-note passage to follow would be to not use any bow at all! Thus I found my left hand confidently and lightly bouncing over the notes, while my right arm kept my bow hair resting quite still on the D-string. This economy of motion was not lost on conductor Eri Klas. He immediately stopped the orchestra and, with great glee, pointed at me and shouted, “Aha! Acting!!”

Anyway, I’ve been sitting here typing for a couple of hours without a break. I suppose it’s time to heed the authors’ advice and do some stretching . . .

—Ralph Fielding, AVS Board Member

**A Physical Therapist’s Perspective**

*The Athletic Musician* is at once interesting to the injured musician and to the treating physical therapist. For the musician-patient, it is a reminder of the instructions given by the physical therapist. For the musculoskeletal physical therapist, it is a guide with illustrations that will help in the treatment of the musician. The illustrations and photographs are clear, helping the musician to duplicate
what the therapist taught. It is a good handbook for the patient to have as a supplement to the physical therapy. The authors speak to the musician just as if they were treating him or her: they instruct, correct, and encourage. Their analogies explain better than anatomical language. For instance, the authors compare injured soft tissue to a chain link fence that has been hit by a car. The tissue is as buckled and out of shape as the chain link fence. This explains the therapist’s soft tissue release techniques as predecessors to exercise and stretching.

The authors explain that maintaining the tissues in good working order requires a regular exercise regimen. This can be a regular workout with weights, walking, swimming, or sports. The exercises taught by the therapist are for a different purpose, i.e., to correct any residual muscle imbalance after the soft tissue is released. Barbara Paull’s approach is not so different from those of other musculoskeletal therapists, but she has a repertory of suggestions for successful treatment that will help a musician and the treating therapist learn from her experience. The contribution by violinist Christine Harrison will help the musician connect with Christine’s problem and her happy solution.

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Certain commonsense things are applicable in your preparation. Start everything from the string and avoid accents at the ends of phrases, no matter how loudly you are playing. Don’t exaggerate nuances. Play sforzandi, hairpins, and other phrase indications with musical taste and within the musical structure. Choose simple fingerings that allow you to achieve clarity and good intonation. Do not play double stops unless non-divisi is so indicated. Rhythm must not be so rigid that it sounds accented; it should serve the musical line with pulse and direction. If there are more than one or two bars of rest in an excerpt, simply make a pause without meter. It is not necessary to count every bar of rest.

Playing an orchestral audition is, in some ways, different from the type of playing one has to do in the section. In orchestra, we are often expected to exaggerate dynamics, to play tempi impossible to execute, and to play with varying degrees of excess bow and vibrato. Dynamics are certainly important, but use common sense in this matter. We are not competing against the loudest forces of the orchestra in an audition. In the section, we tend to play pianissimo spiccato strokes more on the string in order to produce the type of pianissimo sounds required as a group. The audition playing should have, as its priority, well-executed strokes. It is better to be asked to play softer than to give the audition committee the impression that there is a fundamental problem with your spiccato. Tempo and dynamics are interpretive; great section playing in an orchestra depends largely on accuracy of strokes and articulation. Remember, there is a distinction between sounding off the string and playing off the string. I will try to make this clear in the three individual excerpts I have chosen. I have suggested metronome markings for the excerpts when I thought it appropriate. When you walk on stage, don’t ask for a tempo. Play the tempo you have prepared and feel comfortable with, but be prepared to be flexible.

I have attempted to map out some general principles and tried to clarify some of the problems in the individual excerpts. In all cases I have identified the excerpt’s style and place in history. I did this in an effort to enhance the perception and study of these musical excerpts. Because the excerpts are taken out of a larger context, I encourage you to examine and study the full scores from which the excerpts are derived.

**Mendelssohn Scherzo**

Mendelssohn had known Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream* since childhood. His overture to the play was one of his first masterpieces. The Scherzo, a very important excerpt for the viola, is in the light and nimble-footed vein of the overture. This excerpt should be played in the middle of the bow. All eighth notes should be spiccato and each one should be placed or taken from the string. The first 16th note of each 16th note group should be dropped horizontally, not placed as I suggest for the eighth notes. The 16th notes should then stay on the string, taking advantage of the natural bounce of the bow. This sautille stroke must sound off string, even though it does not leave the string. Different interpretations do bring different tempi. If the tempo is slower, you will find it easier to play this excerpt in the lower middle half of the bow. As the tempo increases, move more toward the upper middle part of the bow. I have chosen a
moderate metronome marking of 92 to the bar in deference to the challenging flute solo at the end of the movement. This movement should be played gracefully and playfully. Attention to dynamics is important; do not, however, play the pianissimo markings so softly that you lose the articulation in your strokes. This is one of those excerpts I would recommend playing slightly louder in an audition than in the section.
Mozart’s Symphony No. 35

Mozart’s Symphony No. 35 was first conceived in the summer of 1782, probably in the form of a six-movement serenade or sinfonia. Mozart rewrote the piece the following spring, with the new version we know of today as the “Haffner Symphony.” This Symphony is bright and exuberant, and the music sparkles with joy. The audition excerpts for this symphony occur in the first and fourth movements. In the first movement, the sound should be spirited and strong without being aggressive. Attacks throughout should be soft in nature, not in dynamics. There should be clarity in articulation, with rhythm that is not only precise, but takes us to a musical destination. In determining the phrasing in the first movement, remember that 1 and 3 are strong beats, 2 and 4 are weak. A metronome marking of 84 to the half bar is suggested.
The second excerpt starts in bar 134 of the last movement. The eighth notes beginning in bar 147 should be played on the string in the middle of the bow when **forte**. You may want to vary the stroke by playing the second sequence **piano**. Use the same stroke, just lighten it slightly. The natural springing motion of the bow will give you the desired **sautille** stroke. These strokes should not be noisy or strident. The passage in bar 134 should be played with clarity, evenness, and musical direction. I suggest starting upbow and then continuing a bar to a bow as it comes. Stay in the upper part of the bow for this passage, avoiding the extra weight of the elbow and arm that you would have to deal with in the lower parts of the bow. Musically, this excerpt should be felt in 1 with subdivisions in 2 going on in your mind. A metronome marking of 152 to the half note is suggested.

Some editions contain a wrong note in the last eighth note of bar 137. The last eighth note should be an **F#**.
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Don Juan

The premiere of Don Juan in 1889 catapulted Richard Strauss into the world's musical headlines and established him as the most important composer to have emerged in Germany since Wagner. Lines taken from the lyric poem Don Juan, by Nikolaus Lenau, were included by Strauss in both manuscript and published scores and undoubtedly served as inspiration for this tone poem. This excerpt, of course, appears on almost every audition list. It combines technique with flair and virtuosity. Very often, this excerpt is played too fast and too loud. Choose a tempo that allows you to execute with clarity and control. 168 to the quarter is a good tempo. Quarter and half notes should be broad and sustained. Separated triplets in the first page should be played on the string, in the lower middle part of the bow. The 16th note preceded by an eighth or dotted eighth note should be played on the late side with crisp articulation. Strauss has heavy dynamic markings throughout this piece. Inasmuch as there is no orchestra with which to compete, you should be able to play with a round, full, and unforced tone. Splitting the bow, starting with the fourth bar of rehearsal [C] allows you to return to the lower half of the bow for the sautille stroke necessary for the triplet passages. Note the difference in articulation from the triplets on the first page, which are on the string.

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LIVING RHYTHM: JUST DO IT!

by Heidi Castleman

The basic elements of musical language are pitch, sound, and rhythm. Unfortunately, too often we spend the least amount of attention on developing the rhythmic element. The purpose of this study is to offer a list of activities that promote good rhythm.

On a daily basis, focus on a few of the approaches or activities listed, selecting them according to the areas of your playing that most need improvement. Be clear with yourself—Does your playing need more rhythmic accuracy and consistency? Does it need more convincing rhythmic characters? Does it need more freedom? Are there certain parts of the energy spectrum you avoid? Then set about addressing these issues. Have fun!

I. ACCURACY AND EASE: FEELING MULTIPLE PULSE-LEVELS

- Set the metronome at $\frac{d}{4} = 60$.

1. Good body balance facilitates accurate rhythm. Relax your throat and hands so that you can feel multiple pulse levels easily.
2. Have a mental concept of the pulse within its meter (2/4, 3/4, 4/4, etc.). Visualize and mentally rehearse subdivisions of 2, 3 and 4.
3. Give yourself a preparatory cue through breathing.
4. Walk the pulse. Lift your legs in a relaxed way, feeling the metronome pulse through arches while remaining aware of grouping pulses by measure.
5. While walking the pulse, clap 4 measures each of 8ths, triplet 8ths, 16ths, triplet 8ths and 8ths. Repeat at $\frac{d}{4} = 80, 100$.

- Use Ely, Accuracy in Rhythm exercises, clapping and walking at different metronome settings.

1. While walking the pulse, clap the bottom line.
2. Think the bottom line, and clap the top line.

Example 1—Ely, Accuracy in Rhythm, exercise 1

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1. Richard Ely, Accuracy in Rhythm: 55 Rhythmic Exercises in Duet Form for All Instruments, may be purchased from Wimbledon Music, 1888 Century Park East, Century City, CA 90067.
• Practice 4 against 3, and 3 against 2 rhythms in scales. This is particularly helpful in developing a sense of sub-pulse. See examples 2a and 2b, subdivisions of triplets.

Examples 2a and 2b—Ellen Rose, *Extreme Viola!* a 12-week guided course in scales, arpeggios, and double stops (to be published)

**Subdivisions of Triplets**

Example 2a—4 against 3

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\begin{align*}
\text{Example 2a—4 against 3} & \\
\text{1. With metronome at 50, walk the quarter (in common time).} \\
\text{2. Clap 2 measures of half notes.} \\
\text{3. Clap 2 measures of triplet 8ths.} \\
\text{4. Clap 2 measures of triplet half notes.} \\
\text{5. Play a 3 8va scale first in half notes, then in triplet half notes.} \\
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Example 2b—3 against 2

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\begin{align*}
\text{Example 2b—3 against 2} & \\
\text{1. With metronome at 50, walk the quarter (in common time).} \\
\text{2. Clap 2 measures of quarter notes.} \\
\text{3. Clap 2 measures of triplet 8th notes.} \\
\text{4. Clap 2 measures of triplet quarter notes.} \\
\text{5. Play a three 8va scale first in quarter notes, then in triplet quarter notes.} \\
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**II. Rhythmic character: Feeling emotionally diverse energy**

• Pulses are bursts of energy. Each pulse has its own distinctive character and direction. Practice scales in rhythmic patterns, choosing a specific rhythmic character.

1. Select a rhythmic pattern and an emotional character. Choose from the categories of love, joy, anger, fear, or sorrow; or draw inspiration from a musical context.
2. In common time (at either \( \frac{\text{3}}{\text{4}} = 68 \) or \( \frac{\text{3}}{\text{4}} = 50 \) as specified in the example), mentally rehearse the meter, clarifying the quality or character of the energy at both the pulse and sub-pulse levels.
3. Walk the pulse.
4. Play the scale while continuing to walk. Try the scale without walking, but with clear rhythmic character.
Example 3—Ellen Rose, *Extreme Viola! a 12-week guided course in scales, arpeggios, and double stops* (to be published)

Rhythm Patterns

- Practice in a similar fashion using the two columns of patterns from the Galamian *The Principles of Violin Playing*:

III. Rhythmic direction: Feeling energy gather and dissipate

Measures group pulses; each beat within a measure has its own quality. For example, in a 3/4 meter, the downbeat is a point of stability and tends to expand. The second beat is a weaker beat, if anything pushed over by the downbeat; the third beat has a strong leading quality.

Strong–weak relationships are important to musical shape. Particularly in music from the Baroque and Classical periods, beat hierarchy is inherent to the music’s vitality. For example, in common time, beats one and three are strong and have a tendency to expand, while beats two and four are weak and do not take up as much space.

Phrasing is the flow of musical energy.

a. An impulse is that portion of the phrase where energy gathers.

b. A resolution is that portion of the phrase where energy dissipates.

c. All energy gathered should be completely discharged by the end of the piece; cadences release accumulated energy.

The following practice methods are helpful in clarifying character and direction. When trying the musical examples, always mentally sing the example to yourself. Ideally, you should always hear the whole score as you practice. Ultimately, hearing the whole score is essential to understanding musical rhythm.

Counting Aloud

1. Character of pulses: Gentle vs. explosive

Count example 5 in a gentle and gluey manner, emphasizing the connectedness of the pulse (1-2-3).

Example 5—Schubert, Sonata (per Arpeggione), II. Adagio
Count example 6 in an explosive and fiery manner, including the sub-pulses to reflect the more highly charged nature of this music (3-223-323/1, etc.).

Example 6—Hindemith, *Der Schwanendreher*, I. Mässig bewegt, mit Kraft

2. Direction of pulses: Horizontal vs. vertical rhythm

In example 7, experiment by counting it first with a noticeable horizontal direction toward the phrase's goal note. Then count it again completely with a vertical feel. The first version has a more active emotional quality to it, while the energy of the second version has a more spent or resigned quality to it.

Example 7—Bartók Concerto, II. Adagio religioso

When counting example 8, count the phrase with a strong vertical quality to the quarter; this will bring out a wonderfully stubborn or obstinate quality that is typical of some Hungarian music. Be sure to image an active 16th sub-pulse while counting the quarter.

Example 8—Bartók Concerto, III. Allegro Vivace

3. Flow of energy in phrases: Impulse and resolution

Impulse refers to the gathering of energy, and resolution refers to the dissipation of energy. Phrasing consists of waves within larger waves.

In the following 12-measure example, notice the contrast of the wavelengths, the first four waves last two measures each, while the final wave lasts four measures. Within each wave, follow your intuition when counting the quarters to discover what portions of each wave gathers energy, and what portion dissipates energy.

Example 9—Schubert Sonata (per Arpeggione), I. Allegro moderato
Conducting

no sub-pulse vs. active sub-pulse

Conduct example 10a, feeling quarters without subdivision. Conduct example 10b. in quarters but feeling the quality of the 16th subdivision played in the piano part. Notice the difference in how your joints release, as compared to the feel of conducting example 10a.

Examples 10a. and 10b.—Brahms Sonata, Opus 120, No. 1, I. Allegro appassionato

Example 10a.

Example 10b.

Clapping and Body Percussion

For example 11, clap in a lively, explosive manner with good musical direction. One way to do body percussion is to clap the rhythms of the phrase on your thighs. Your spine must be elastic and resilient in order to allow you the agility to do this passage!

Example 11—Enesco, Concertpiece

Walking the Large Beats

Especially when the melodic aspect of a line is complicated, walking the large beats is an excellent way to clarify the fundamental rhythm of the line. Walk example 12, aiming for the large beats.

Example 12—Boccherini, Sonata No. 6 in A, I. Adagio
IV. Playing freely: Feeling musical rhythm flexibly

Playing freely within the framework of a regularly felt pulse is inherent to musical movement. It is always helpful to notice if music is rhetorical in nature (modeled on speech or singing) or inspired by dance. The flexibility of speech patterns tends to extend over longer stretches than the flexibility inherent in dance patterns.

Qualities of Sub-pulses and Pulses Exaggerated

In example 12 (Boccherini), the first eighth of each quarter has a tendency to expand, pushing the second eighth over. In addition, the first and third quarters will occupy more space than the weaker second and fourth ones.

Playing on the Front or Back Side of the Metronomic Beat

Experiment with example 13. Play this example first with every eighth note lining up exactly with a metronomic sub-pulse. You may either imagine a metronomic pulse or actually use a metronome. Then play the example again, this time playing around the metronomic pulse. Follow your intuition to decide where you want to play on the front side of the beat, where on the beat, and where on the back side of the beat. Which version flows in a more alluring manner?

Example 13—Rachmaninov, Vocalise, opening 7 m.

Tranquillo, lentemente, e molto cantabile

Strong–Weak Relationships

Strong–weak relationships are inherent to the music of the Baroque and Classical periods. Apply the same principles to example 14 as for example 12 above. (See Qualities of sub-pulses and pulses exaggerated.)

Example 14—Bach, Suite in d minor, Allemande, opening 2 m.
V. OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVELOPING GOOD RHYTHMIC PERSONALITY

- The logical, emotional, and physical all intersect in rhythm. Preparation of all three is key to good rhythm.
  1. Take time to mentally visualize the pulse and the pulse pattern.
  2. Take time to hear the whole musical score (idea) and notice the emotional response it evokes.
  3. Take time to relax, balance your body, feel the pulse physically, and cue through breathing.

- Be a leader. Whether in exercises or music, be in charge of how energy moves. Visualize and lead rhythmic spacing and phrasing clearly enough that a third grader could follow you. You will be able to pace your own musical impulse better if you notice how others are reacting.

- Adopt a relaxed, open (sense of discovery), appreciative (relish each event) attitude.

- Looseness, especially in the joints, is a virtue. Information about sub-pulse is transmitted here. Conductors that are easy to follow have flexible joints. Those who are stiff are often more difficult to follow. The physical relaxation of a jazz musician is a useful model.

- Hear the whole score; be aware of how your part fits within it. Awareness of multiple pulse levels (pulse, sub-pulse, and measure) is key to linking all the parts together. If you are playing a monophonic part, invent other imaginary parts—drones, rhythmic ostinatos.

- Always subtly conduct yourself, using your bow hand and bow as baton.

- Play freely, exaggerating the qualities of sub-pulse and pulse. Notice when it is appropriate to play on front or back side of the (metronomic) beat. Enjoy exploring the strong-weak relationships inherent in Baroque and Classical periods.

- Tempo seems slower if the beats are felt softer; tempo seems faster if the beats are felt harder. Experiment.

- Practice a phrase with separate bows for each sub-pulse, feeling the direction of each sub-pulse clearly. Then play the phrase with normal slurs but with same directional awareness to building the phrase. For example, practice the following excerpt, playing 16th note bow strokes; play every 16th with convincing musical direction. Then repeat the passage with your regular bowings, but with your bow arm feeling the same musical direction.

Example 15—Hindemith, *Der Schwanendreher*, I. Langsam

- At unstated pulses—dots or ties—release your body by relaxing your abdomen and head joint to assure that you will be spontaneous in discovering how the energy moves.

- Tempo can easily wander at transitions. Focus on consistency of pulse and sub-pulse at these points, preparing the upcoming relevant pulse level.

- Fast notes after slow notes are often too fast. Check to see that they are spacious enough. Slow notes after fast usually are too slow. Make certain they flow sufficiently.

- Tape yourself. As you listen to the playback, do you like the way the music unfolds?

- Practice using the metronome.

- Practice scales and arpeggios in rhythms, always visualizing the meter.

- Use Hickman, *Music Speed Reading*, lessons 11–21 to improve how your eye perceives groups of notes. The purpose of these exercises is to train the eye to perceive a measure at a time. Note heads without beams are given; the rhythms must be grasped from assessing the spacing of the note heads as they are arranged between the bar lines.

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Performances began again at seven, and the audience was immediately swept up in Piotr Jandula’s heartfelt and seamless interpretation of Schumann’s “Adagio and Allegro” (with Janet Kocyan, piano). Following that, Simon Oswell and Bryan Pezone treated us to a warm and eloquent performance of Nigel Butterley’s complex “Forest I,” based on a Giacometti sculpture. I’m not able to characterize my performance of Daniel Troob’s “January Sonata” (for obvious reasons), but I can speak to the lyricism, color, and drama of this work and to the composer’s polish and musicality as a pianist. In charming, energetic style, Andrew Picken and Keith Greene chased each other through Andrew’s “Canonic Duo” (a perfect quarter note apart), and Marcy Vaj gave a vibrant reading of Helmut Braulich’s “Prelude.” Carolyn Osborne and Cynthia Morrow concluded the Bird portion of the concert with a lovely performance of the rarely heard Milhaud “Sonatine” for violin and viola. The day ended with the haunting strains of Max Raimi’s “Elegy” for 12 violas, harp, percussion, and celeste, a moody and languorous sunset event conducted compellingly by Jeffrey Schindler and led by Pamela Goldsmith, with her characteristic style and grace. And so the evening drew to a close, sweet sounds evaporating into the starry night, leaving a filigree of violas, harp, and bells etched onto the sky.

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—Scott Rawls

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Li-Kuo Chang has appeared as soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Phoenix Symphony, and the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra; in chamber music performances at the Los Angeles Music Center, at Le Gesse Festival in France and the Taipei Music festival in Taiwan, to just name a few. He has taught and performed at the Affinis Music Festival in Japan since 1992.

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