

Winthrop Symphony Orchestra

Fall 2026 Audition Excerpts

VIOLA

1) Dotted Quarter Note = 88 (in 2) for practice: Eighth Note = 264 (in 6)

FROM: Beethoven – Symphony No. 7 (Mvt. 1, mm. 249-289: **Vivace in 6/8**, 2 beats to the bar)

PRACTICE TIP: Begin working on this excerpt slowly (in 6) at Eighth Note = 132 and gradually increase your speed. Once you get up to Eighth Note = 180, recalibrate your metronome to beat in 2 at dotted quarter = 60 (it will be the same speed, but you'll get the correct metric feel of 6/8 in two beats per bar, with three 8th notes to each beat). Increase the speed from there up to dotted quarter = 88.

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2) Quarter Note = 68 (in 2)

FROM: Beethoven – Symphony No. 7 (Mvt. 2, mm. 3-50: **Allegretto in 2/4**, 2 beats to the bar)

Allegretto ♩ = 76
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14 *pp*

27 **A** *p*

39 **V** *pp*

3) Scales and Arpeggios, Quarter Note = 80

E Major Scale

E Major Arpeggio

E Major in Thirds

4) Sight-Reading (music will be provided at the audition)