

Character Suites is a collection of original pieces written for young string players with basic technical skills. The Suites are an introduction to the art and joy of chamber music playing. All pieces have been played and performed by young groups in the West of Ireland over the past years in concerts, as lobby music, at cafés, launches, poetry readings and in any other possible community context.

I hope you get great use and enjoyment out of this collection. Feel free to send any comments to info@katbak.com.

Sincerely **Katharina Baker**

Technical requirements for *Flower Suite*:

1st position only

All Violins/Viola: 1st finger pattern (1 2 3 4), 2nd finger pattern (1 2 3 4)

Cello: using fingers 1, 3, 4

Technical requirements for *Tree Suite*:

1st position only

Violin I and II: 1st finger pattern (1 2 3 4), 2nd finger pattern (1 2 3 4), occasionally 3rd finger pattern (1 2 3 4 - with warning 3+ printed over stretched 3rd finger)

Violin III/Viola: 1st finger pattern (1 2 3 4) only

Cello: using fingers 1, 3, 4

 = bow retake (back to frog)