

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.

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Technical requirements for *Suite of the Fair*:

1st position only, but gliding up to harmonics in 'Star Flyer'; finger speed required

Violin I: 1st finger pattern (1 2 3 4), 2nd finger pattern (1 2 3 4)

Violin II/III, Viola: 1st finger pattern (1 2 3 4) only, but finger gliding in 'Show Time' and 'Star Flyer'

Cello: using fingers 1, 2, 3, 4

Technical requirements for *Joraalsa Suite*:

1st position only; rhythm challenge

All Violins/Viola: 1st finger pattern (1 2 3 4), 2nd finger pattern (1 2 3 4), 3rd finger pattern (1 2 3 4); occasionally low finger position with warning

Cello: using fingers 1, 2, 3, 4 and low 1st finger position with warning

 = bow retake (back to frog)