## POSITION REMINDER CHECKLIST

## CUT YOUR FINGERNAILS! YOU **CANNOT** PLAY CORRECTLY WITH LONG NAILS!

	Position	Left Hand	Bow Hold	Bow Stroke
Violin/Viola	<ul> <li>✓ Edge of your turned chair</li> <li>✓ Shoulder rest!</li> <li>✓ Up on your shoulder</li> <li>✓ Scroll points towards stand</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓ Open window</li><li>✓ Box fingers on tapes</li><li>✓ Low, straight thumb</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Smile thumb between grip and frog</li> <li>✓ Lean hand into grip</li> <li>✓ Middle fingers over frog</li> <li>✓ Pinkie tip on top</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Between bridge and fingerboard</li> <li>✓ Smooth, full bows</li> <li>✓ Tilt: stick to scroll, hair to hair</li> </ul>
Cello	<ul> <li>✓ Edge of your chair</li> <li>✓ Feet flat</li> <li>✓ Cello touching inner legs and chest-bone</li> <li>✓ Scratch ear with C peg</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Thumb behind 2<sup>nd</sup> finger or on thumb pad</li> <li>✓ Curved "C shaped" hand</li> <li>✓ Straight arm to hang laundry (open window)</li> </ul>	✓ Smile thumb between grip and frog ✓ All four fingers drop down over stick on first knuckle	<ul> <li>✓ Between bridge and fingerboard</li> <li>✓ Smooth full bows</li> <li>✓ Tilt: stick to scroll, hair to ground</li> </ul>
Bass	<ul> <li>✓ Adjust endpin so that fingerboard top is at top of your head</li> <li>✓ Bass leans into your left hip bone</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Thumb behind 2<sup>nd</sup> finger or on thumb pad (AT ALL TIMES, EVEN WHEN SHIFTING)</li> <li>✓ Curved "C shaped" hand</li> <li>✓ Straight arm to hang laundry (open window)</li> </ul>	French Bow  Smile thumb between grip and frog  All four fingers drop down over stick on first knuckle  German Bow Frog rests in palm Middle 2 fingers wrap inwards	<ul> <li>✓ Between bridge and fingerboard</li> <li>✓ Point tip of bow slightly higher when bowing</li> </ul>
			<ul><li>✓ Pointer finger and thumb grip bow stick</li><li>✓ Pinkie curved</li></ul>	

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