

Prelude in D Major

From Cello Suite No. 1 - BWV 1007

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

The image displays a guitar score for the Prelude in D Major from Cello Suite No. 1 by J.S. Bach. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a common time signature. It consists of seven systems of music, each with a treble staff and a bass staff. The first system includes a capo instruction '⑥ = D' and a dynamic marking 'p'. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4, and articulation is shown with slurs and accents. The score features various techniques such as double stops, triplets, and slurs. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the seventh system.

15 *i m -*

17

19

21 *p i m a m i a m*

23 *a m i m i - m i a m i m a - i m*

25 *p i m*

27 *m i p i m i m a m i m p m p m*

29 *a - m i m - i a m - i - a m i a - m i - m - i a m - i - a m*

31 *i p p p p*

33 *p p*

35

37

39 ⁴/₆ CVII *a i p i a i a i*

41 ⁴/₆ CVII ³/₆ CVII

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5^o CV *i a -*

⑥ = D

p

loco

T 7-5-7-7 7-5-7-7 0 3-2-3 0 3 0 3-2-3 0 3

A 7 7 7 5 7 7 7 0

B 5 0 0

3^o CII

T 2 3-2-3 2 3 2-3 2-3 2-3 2 3 2-0-2 2 3 3 2-0-2 3 2

A 0 0

B 0 0

5

T 0 2-0-2 3-2-3 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 0

A 4 6-7 4 7 6 4 6 7 7 7 7 7 7

B 0 6 6

7

T 0 5-4-5 5 5 6 5 5 2-0 2 3-2-3 3 3-2-3 3

A 6 7 6 7 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 4

B 0 2 4 4 2 4 4

17

T
A
B

19

T
A
B

21

p *i* *m* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m*

T
A
B

23

a *m* *i* *m* *i* - *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *m* *a* - *i* *m* *a* *m* *i* - *m* *i* *m* - *a* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* - *m*

T
A
B

25 *Cl* *p* *i* *m* *a* - *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* - *m* *i* *m* - *p* *p* *i* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* -

T
A
B

27 *m* *i* *p* *i* *m* *i* *m* *a* *m* *i* *m* *p* *m* *p* *m* *p* *m* -

T
A
B

29 *a* - *m* *i* *m* - *i* *a* *m* - *i* - *a* *m* *i* *a* - *m* *i* - *m* - *i* *a* *m* - *i* - *a* *m*

T
A
B

31 *i* *p* *p* *p* *p* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m*

T
A
B

33 *p* *p* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m* *i* *a* *m*

T
A
B

35 ^③

TAB

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

12 11 12 9 11 9 11 7 | 9 7 9 6 7 6 7 0

37

TAB

2 0 0 1 2 3 4 0 1 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2 2 1 2 3 4 0 1 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

0 0 1 0 0 3 0 4 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

39 ^{$\frac{4}{6}$ CVII}

a i p i a i a i

TAB

10 7 7 10 7 10 7 7 10 7 10 7 | 10 10 10 10 10 10

(0) 7 0 7 9 7 9 9 9 9 7 9 9 9

0 0 0 7 0 7 0 0

41 ^{$\frac{4}{6}$ CVII} ^{$\frac{3}{8}$ CVII}

TAB

9 8 8 9 8 9 8 9 8 8 9 8 9 | 10 7 7 0 0 0 0

0 7 0 7 0 7 0 0

The 7 Steps to Learn Any Piece

1. Make small sections
2. Know all the notes and musical markings
3. Clap and count the rhythm aloud
4. Play the right hand alone, counting aloud
5. Play the left hand alone, counting aloud
6. Play hands together, pausing when needed (no mistakes, counting aloud)
7. Play hands together in rhythm, with a slow metronome, counting aloud

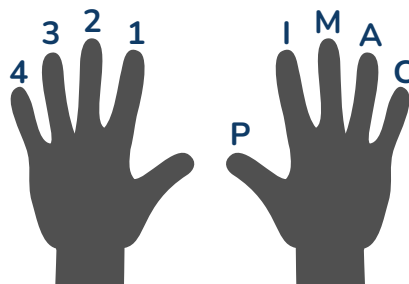
Musical Expression Starting Points

1. Know which notes are melody (probably stems up), and play the others quieter
2. Connect melody notes smoothly (no gaps)
3. When a musical line or melody goes up in pitch, get quieter towards the top (opposite at climaxes)
4. Don't let the high notes stand out (any note higher than those before and after)
5. When a melody or musical line goes down in pitch, get louder to create forward momentum
6. Repeated notes get louder (start quiet if you need to)
7. Before slowing down or speeding up (rubato), master it at a steady pace

Tips for Good Practice

1. For tricky spots, describe the problem in detail: Where, what, how? Ask, "What's going on here?"
2. Memorize every piece (even if you don't, you'll learn it faster if you try)
3. Have a clear purpose and goal for each repetition (rote repetition is lazy practice)
4. Record yourself often. Listen or watch to decide what to practice next

Fingering Notations



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Allen Mathews



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