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### Top 5 Things You can Do Right Now to Improve Your Skills as a Musician:

1. Practice makes perfect. Don't forget to practice each day to keep your skills fresh!
2. Play music in different styles. With players like Lindsey Sterling, the Piano Guys, and many others making pop stringed instrument music popular, there are lots of different options available for students who like to play outside of the classical style.
3. Make videos of your performances for friends and relatives to watch or play for them live on a social media platform. Play duets with your friends if you have the music.
4. Watch videos of great performers for your instrument. There are many ways to see classic performances online of some of the masters.
5. Listen to great classical music online. Learn to appreciate the repertoire of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and so many others.

### Resources for Online Listening:

This is a series of 'Lessons' made to introduce first year music theory students to the basic concepts in music theory.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDjXwGCr1WA4Wc2FgMI5Wcw/videos>

The Violin Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/theviolinchannel>

A video from one of our local teachers on how to clean your instrument without damaging the varnish

<https://youtu.be/FZ0eiZT6Kko>

The String Club

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY5QCFkOAIQcCeoKT5zCO8g>

A little musician humor with PDQ Bach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzXoVo16pTg>

Some Basics on How a Violin is Made

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ4rXpbxqDo>

More Music Theory

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJeSs1CDf50zsiP-lq73t6OloV5m-5g0j>

Want to work on your violin vibrato?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMvj9RlrvrQ&list=PL6urkeK7KgD7\\_lmbVvVQ3MKsioK7ITRUW&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMvj9RlrvrQ&list=PL6urkeK7KgD7_lmbVvVQ3MKsioK7ITRUW&index=2)