



# Maria Kliegel

CELLO MASTER CLASS

Using Technique and Imagination  
to achieve Artistic Expression

Bow Technique  
Left-hand Technique



## How to play the Masterworks

Haydn: Cello Concerto (D)  
Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations  
Schumann: Cello Concerto



## Welcome to my masterclass, dear cello friends!

If you read carefully, listen attentively, watch closely, I promise you will get loads of great ideas how to become a more complete master of cello playing and music making!

Dive with me into the adventure of exploring new playgrounds while enjoying to the full extent every minute.

How did I create this masterclass-project pulling together two different media, written text and video demonstrations? Who or what kept me inspired and motivated throughout the process of finding a unique conception for it? A conception with the goal neither to cause boredom nor misunderstandings or confusion but instead clarify things and foster curiosity?

While on a vacation to Egypt in 2005, I visited the pyramids of Giza. These grandiose structures held an unbelievable fascination for me; they gave wings to my imagination, and before I knew it my reverie swept me all the way from Egypt to the mythological Greek world of gods and goddesses. At the time, I was first developing the basic concepts of my «Quintessence» and I fell upon the idea of modelling its part 1 after the imposingly glorious form of a pyramid. The pyramid is scaled level by level, chapter by chapter with close examination of the subjects at each step until the peak of the pyramid is reached. ***At every level I have strewn glittering gemstones to be collected as rewards: gems of knowledge – basic rules of cello playing.***

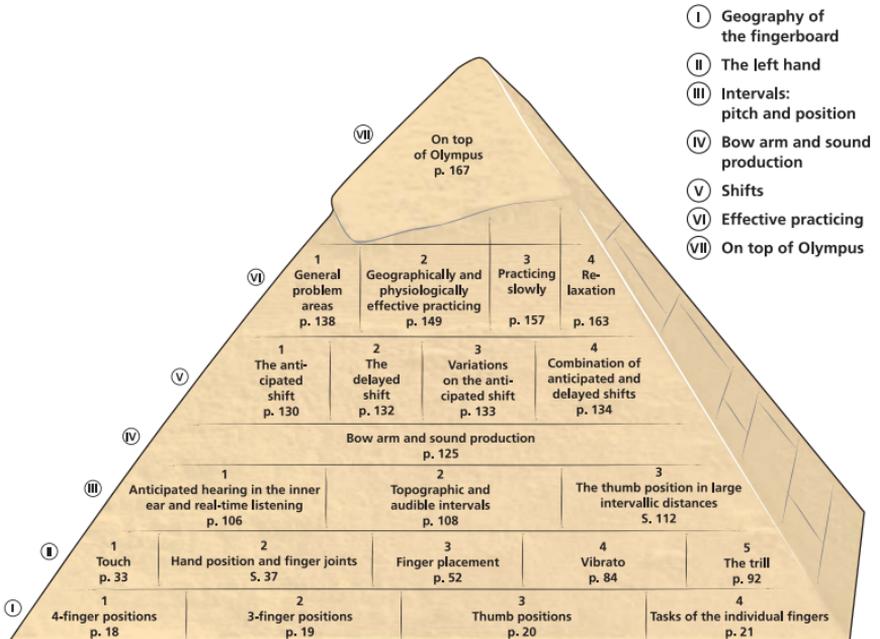
Recurring questions and comments concerning the same musical phrases over and over helped me to group specific aspects of cello technique and use their facets as building blocks, as the numerous bricks of a pyramid.

“Why doesn’t this passage ever come out clean? Why can’t I play it the first time, but only after the third or fourth try? This spot is OK out of context, but when I play the piece through it doesn’t work. Why does it sound harsh here and without character there? Why am I tense in this spot? Why am I rushing? Surely I have practiced this enough already! I have no control – what am I doing wrong?”

As a youngster, I too asked these questions, and I hear them again and again from every successive generation. János Starker, my eminent teacher, mentor and later friend, had many answers that kept me on my journey, but he also sent me away with a tome of questions – a veritable “book with seven seals”! I had the desire to climb Mount Everest – but how was I going to reach the peak? Setting out to explore the great unknown never felt threatening. It was a challenge.

Full of curiosity and courage, I embarked on my adventure, chasing down countless rabbit trails, stumbling, falling, and scrambling up again, holding back and marveling, pondering, seeking and winning invaluable insights. One gem of knowledge was not enough for me – I was always greedy for more. Along the way Mstislav Rostropovich, another of my idols, who later became my mentor and friend, blessed me. He opened another glittering, still-more-colorful kaleidoscope, showing me how to walk through life as an inspired musician.

After decades of performance and teaching experience, I have realized that some aspects of cello playing are essential. In the three-part «Quintessence», Book – DVD Cello Technique – Infamous Excerpts, I would like to pull together and pass along these gems of knowledge. Analysis and imagination are the twin stars that have entranced me with their spell and continue to this day to light my way. May they also light your way.

Refer to the The Book – «Quintessence», Part 1, page 17.

## ... around the globe

*Cellists looking for detailed and concentrated work in the fundamentals of technique and who aim artistry will find a **wealth of material** to examine in Maria Kliegel's new book and accompanying DVDs. This is a cellist's resource to keep by the music stand.*

**Dr. Selma Gokcen**

London Cello Society

*Maria Kliegel proves with this unique DVD and book project that she is one of the best cello performers ever, and also one of the best cello teachers ever. She is at her **inspirational best**, teaching and demonstrating difficult concepts and techniques in such a manner that it becomes natural and simple to play.*

*It was a special privilege to have Maria as a teacher, and to have her still as an inspiration for myself and my students, and their students.*

*Thank you, Maria.*

**Anmari van der Westhuizen**

Senior Lecturer and Cellist of the Odeion String Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence of the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

***La 'grande dame du violoncelle'** of our time – a most recorded cello virtuosa and an insightful artist who is sharing her **secret recipes** resulting in many feasts from Haydn to Tchaikovsky! This DVD and book project is a must for any cellist's study.*

**Dr. Hekun Wu**

Soloist-conductor; professor of cello, Willamette University, USA  
Guest Prof. Shanghai Conservatory and Guangzhou Xinghai Conservatory



Maria Kliegel with  
Bernard Greenhouse  
and Frans Helmerson  
Foto: Uta SüBe-Krause

*Having read and studied Maria Kliegel's treatise on the cello I have only **words of gratitude**.*

*The enormous work which she has produced will help the younger generation in their search for beautiful cello playing.*

*It is instructive to all cellists and is a work which will remain enormously important for young and old in their love and playing possibilities.*

**Bernard Greenhouse**

Beaux Arts Trio

*I am immersed in this book with great fascination and interest. I believe we as colleagues are in debt of gratitude for the **mammoth work** that went into this. Author's decision to take the experience of playing and teaching a step further and share it with us is admirable. She talks to us with openness, honesty and passion which are meant to make our own work even more addictive. The ideas are precise, brilliant and highly effective. Maria manages to speak to all of us very personally regardless of our differences and current standing within the profession. The completeness and depth of this research are remarkable and **quite unique**. A must for all of us cellists, and not only!*

**Leonid Gorokhov**

Prof. Musikhochschule Hannover, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London



Maria Kliegel  
and Mstislav  
Rostropovich

*I had a chance to meet a young cellist Maria Kliegel many times. First time I got to know her during a master-class that I gave in Basel. By that time this young cellist impressed me not only by her talent but also her desire and ambition to understand the **music in its depth**.*

*Then I met her several times in Germany where I had concerts and of course at my International Competition of Cellists in Paris where she got the grand prix in 1981. She is talented not only in interpreting but also in analysis of the technical cello elements. I need to mention that her pedagogical activity gives already many good results.*

**Mstislav Rostropovich**  
March 2006

*Ms. Maria Kliegel is among the leading cellists of her generation. As an effective and devoted teacher she is **highly qualified** to offer assistance to cellists everywhere, who seek guidance toward more efficient ways to improve their music making. I strongly recommend her book and demonstration DVDs to all.*

**János Starker**  
May 2006



János Starker, Maria Kliegel and Mstislav Rostropovich at János Starker's 75th birthday party in Bloomington, USA, 1999.

## The CELLO MASTER CLASS – a new adventure

The Book, «Quintessence» 1	Description of the cello techniques demonstrated on the DVDs (198 pages)
DVD 1, «Quintessence» 2	Bow Technique (43:53) Left-hand Technique (1:21:55)
«Quintessence» 3	Infamous Excerpts: Haydn, Concerto in D major (2:08:54)
DVD 2, «Quintessence» 3	Infamous Excerpts: Schumann, Concerto in A minor (1:54:49) Tchaikovsky, Rococo Variations in A major (2:06:28)

You may read and understand The Book, part 1 of «Quintessence» without watching the DVDs and vice versa, but they were originally conceived to supplement one another. For the best results I recommend to use the two media together.

Part 2 of «Quintessence», Bow Technique and Left-hand Technique, on DVD 1, explains and demonstrates the special expressions marked in italics throughout the book. In the DVDs, these can be clicked on ↗ or found by using the skip function ⏮ (DVD 1 only).

Part 3 of «Quintessence», Infamous Excerpts on DVDs 1 and 2, can be watched independently from the other parts, however, a familiarity with parts 1 and 2 of «Quintessence» will allow an understanding of the terminology.

*The collection of the gemstones is growing ... reward No. 7 is found*



### **Garnet**

*Symbol of the life pulse*

*"The playing finger often needs an extra impulse from the air onto the fingerboard and back again into the air."*

*(7<sup>th</sup> basic rule of cello playing, Book, pyramid level II, page 177)*



## The DVDs – «Quintessence», Part 2 and 3

### User instructions

The DVDs are divided into five main menus, each of which can be viewed by choosing the option "Play all."

The main menus, Bow Technique, Left-hand Technique and Infamous Excerpts, have sub-menus labeled by keywords. These can be clicked on ↗ in both of the DVDs or may be accessed via the skip function ►► (DVD 1 only).

### Voice-over texts

To read, download and/or print the voice-over texts as a PDF file from the DVD-ROM parts open from your PC or Mac, not from a DVD player.

Example from DVD 2, Schumann Concerto, 2nd mvt. mm 1-5 ↗  
[...] represents the demonstrations on the cello

So my suggestion: keep the thumb as close as possible, ... then try for a sound ... relaxed, refined, ... peaceful and content, ... because you have to emerge from this feeling into a shift ... that also has to delicately, kindly and tenderly stroke the strings, not slip or stumble around. ... You see, coming down here, the vibrato ... shouldn't get lost during the shift, it has to continue **seamlessly** [DVD 1, left-hand technique ►► 39]. ... When you're arriving down here, as soon as you start feeling the string pressure, you should begin the **proactive impulse movement of the vibrato unit** [DVD 1, left-hand technique ►► 37]. ... Don't first test the note out and later start vibrating. In the very moment the finger touches on the note, ... you have to ... start the impulse motion. ... The next finger that's waiting to drop down ... also has to enter ... the proactive impulse/reactive reflex cycle as described in the *Second Quintessence*, linking together the vertical and horizontal movements. ... Here are the horizontal movements, impulse/reflex. ... As you emerge from the reflex motion, the next finger is placed vertically and immediately enters into the next horizontal impulse motion. Otherwise you'll have this ... with accents or stops, breaking up ... a continuous line.

The bow has nothing to do with this, it's just there to ... create the right tone color.

#### *Sardonyx*

*Symbol of the sharpening of the senses  
and the balance of the emotions*

*"A seamless vibrato requires heightened concentration  
before and after a shift. Make sure the left arm  
provides the necessary drive for larger shifts."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 9, page 177)*



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*Symbol of inner harmony*

*"In the delayed shift, the new finger slides on the new bow."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 18, page 179)*

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### **Aquamarine**

*Symbol of keen perception,  
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*"Every trill ends with the  
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*(reward and basic rule No. 11,  
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**Tourmaline**

*Symbol of the colors of the rainbow and bliss*

*"The music and style dictates how much vibrato to use and not spur-of-the-moment decisions based on fluctuating feelings, or physical conditions, which might be caused by fatigue, weakness or hyperactivity."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 10, page 177)*



## DVD 1 – «Quintessence», Part 3

### Infamous Excerpts

Joseph Haydn, Concerto in D major, Hob. VIIIb:2

- 1) First movement, mm. 29-34 ↗
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### **Topaz**

*Symbol of consciousness and willpower*

*"The intervallic relationships between the thumb, the travel and the playing finger are not necessarily diatonic to the current key; instead they are chosen based on the comfort of the hand. To incorporate these into a dependable tactile memory you must predetermine and consistently practice the same specific intervallic distances."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 13, page 178)*

## The photos in the slideshow



1. First sporting exercise with twin sister Elisabeth (right), 3 years of age
2. With humming top, 5 years of age
3. A little serenade for Santa Claus on a cardboard doublebass, 5 years of age
4. Receiving her first cello as a Christmas present, 10 years of age
5. With twin Elisabeth, 10 years of age
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13. Ephesus Amphitheater, concert tour with the Aix en Provence Orchestra, 1982 playing the Haydn C major on the "stage" in Ephesus in blustering wind, with the endpin sinking into the sand!
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17. On the slopes of St. Moritz, 1992
18. At the tennis training camp Sportschloss Velen, tournament preparation, 1996
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20. Golfing while on vacation in Hawaii, 1995
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26. With Slava Rostropovich in Berlin, the 10th anniversary concert of the fall of the Berlin wall, 1999
27. After a soiree in Berlin's Schloss Bellevue at the invitation of president Johannes Rau, March 10, 2004
28. In conversation with the composer Sir John Tavener after the performance of his work *The Protecting Veil* for Cello and Orchestra in Poole, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conductor Marin Alsop, broadcast live on the BBC



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 Maria Kliegel, cello and Raymund Havenith, piano; Naxos CD 8.557943. Edition Schott  
 CB 194, edited by Maria Kliegel

## DVD 2 – «Quintessence», Part 3

### Infamous Excerpts

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#### **Amber**

*Symbol of trust in yourself  
in contrast to your  
surroundings*

*"In the anticipated shift  
the old finger slides on  
the old bow."*

*(reward and basic  
rule No. 16, page 178)*

## DVD Imprint

Maria Kliegel – Cello

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### ***Emerald***

*Symbol of supernatural inspiration  
and ascent above earthly things*

*"The bow arm carries the main  
responsibility for sound production,  
allowing the player to bring to life  
all the facets of creativity, imagina-  
tion and expressivity to spotlight the  
bright, creative sparks of a  
charismatic personality."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 14,  
page 178)*







## Maria Kliegel – Biography

*"She has at her disposal all the necessary attributes: a fantastically light, yet not perfectionistically moribund technique, entrancing intensity, glamorous and nonetheless endearing charisma." – Der Tagesspiegel / Berlin*

After studying with János Starker at Indiana University, USA, in 1981 Maria Kliegel won the Grand Prix of the Concours Rostropovich Paris. Mstislav Rostropovich subsequently engaged Kliegel as a soloist with the Orchestre National de France for several tours throughout France and invited her to perform with his orchestra in Washington DC. He became one of her most important mentors.

Maria Kliegel – La Cellissima – who has since been in demand throughout the world, started a successful recording career on the Naxos label in 1991. Her recording of the Dvořák and Elgar Cello Concertos with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, London, has been a bestseller for many years. The composer Alfred Schnittke described her recording of his first Cello Concerto as the definitive performance.

Maria Kliegel has received frequent honours including two Grammy nominations and has sold over one million CDs throughout the world. For her multimedia book and DVD project, Schott Master Class – Cello: Mit Technik und Fantasie zum künstlerischen Ausdruck, published in 2006, she has also received two prestigious awards: the special "Digita Award" (best German educational software) and the European Media Award "Comenius EduMedia-Siegel".

This was the starting point for the production of the English version Cello – Master Class "Using Technique and Imagination to achieve Artistic Expression".





*Performance of "Hommage à Nelson M."  
3rd Cello Festival in Kronberg 1997, Stephan Froleys, percussion*

At her request, W. Kaiser-Lindemann composed *Hommage à Nelson M.* for Cello and Percussion. After the première in Capetown in 1997, President Mandela invited the artist to a private concert in his residence. For her commitment to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, and her untiring efforts for other relief projects, in 1999 La Cellissima received the Order of Merit of the State of North-Rhine Westphalia from the First Minister at that time, Wolfgang Clement.

Since 1986 she has been professor at the Cologne Academy of Music and in 2001 established, with Ida Bieler (violin) and Nina Tichman (piano), the Xyrion Trio, which undertook the artistic supervision of the Andernach Music Festival at Narneddy Castle in 2007.

Maria Kliegel plays a cello made by Carlo Tononi, Venice, in ca. 1730

## Discography

### CD releases by Maria Kliegel on the NAXOS label

- Bach:** Cello Solo Suites, CD 1 Nos. 1,2,6, CD 2 Nos. 3,4,5  
– 8.557280-81 or 8.557280-81D
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Vol. V, Op.97, “Kakadu” Variations Op. 121 a, Trio No. 11  
WoO 38 – 8.572343
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Nicolaus Esterházy Sinfonia Budapest, Béla Drahos  
(conductor) – 8.554288
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Schumann:** Brahms: Double Concerto. Ilya Kaler (violin);  
Schumann: Cello Concerto. National Symphony Orchestra  
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- Brahms:** Cello Sonatas Op.38, Op.99, Op.78. Kristin Merscher (piano)  
– 8.550656



### **Malachite**

*Symbol of friendship*

*"Most of the time, audible and topographic intervals are not identical. The topographic intervals are serving as silent aids for orientation on which the audible interval is built. To a high degree the quality of the audible interval is dependent on the precision of the topographic intervals."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 12, page 178)*

- Chopin:** Cello Sonata, Polonaise brillante, Grand Duo, and 4 small pieces. Bernd Glemser (piano) – 8.553159
- Demus:** Works for Cello and Piano. Jörg Demus (piano), on MARCO POLO – 8.225036
- Dohnányi:** Concertpiece for Cello and Orchestra, Cello Sonata, Rurialia Hungarica. Jenő Jandó (piano), Nicolaus Esterházy Sinfonia Budapest, Michael Halász (conductor) – 8.554468
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- Kaiser-Lindemann:** Hommage à Nelson Mandela. Stephan Froleys (percussion) – 8.554485

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- Mendelssohn Bartholdy:** Cello Sonatas Nos.1 and 2, Variations concertantes. Kristin Merscher (piano) – 8.550655



### **Amethyst**

*Symbol of clarity of spirit and inner harmony*

*"In the inaudible anticipated shift, the bow fades out as the left hand departs and returns to play the arrival note. Ergo: The bow is the first to go away and comes back last at the end. If you want to hear the anticipated shift the bow does not completely fade out as the left hand departs, but either diminishes or increases its pressure during the shift according to the desired effect."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 15, page 178)*

- Popper:** Romantic Cello Showpieces, Suite for Cello and Orchestra, Hungarian Rhapsody, Requiem for 3 Cellos and Orchestra, Spinning Song, Papillon, Vito, Lullaby, Spanish Dance, Gavotte No. 2, Once upon in fairer days. Nicolaus Esterházy Sinfonia Budapest, Gerhard Markson (conductor) – 8.554657 or 8.554657D
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- Shostakovich:** Cello Concertos Nos. 1 and 2. Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra Katowice, Antoni Wit (conductor) – 8.550813
- Schubert/  
Schumann:** Schubert: Arpeggione Sonata; Schumann: 3 Fantasiestücke, 5 Stücke im Volkston, Adagio and Allegro. Kristin Merscher (piano) – 8.550654
- Camillo  
Schumann:** Sonatas Nos.1 and 2, Two Concertpieces, Romance, Mazurka. Francesco Piemontesi (piano) – 8.572314 (release in February 2011)
- Taverner:** The Protecting Veil. Ulster Orchestra, Takuo Yuasa (conductor) – 8.554388
- Tchaikovsky/  
Bruch/ Bloch:** Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations, Pezzo capriccioso, Nocturne; Bruch: Kol Nidrei; Bloch: Schelomo. National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, Gerhard Markson (conductor) – 8.550519

**Virtuoso Cello Encores:** Works by Bach, Schubert, Popper, Debussy, Ravel, Offenbach, Rachmaninov, Shostakovich, Casad , Gershwin, Vieuxtemps, Senaill , Granados, Barchet. Raimund Havenith (piano) – 8.557943

**Virtuoso Cello Showpieces:** Works by Orr: A Carmen Fantasy; Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Figaro Variations; Danzi: Don Giovanni Variations; Dvořak: Sonatina Op.100 and other works. Nina Tichman (piano) – 8.557613

**Also:** "Cellicatessen", Duets for Two Cellos. Werner Thomas-Mifune (cello), Christophorus Entr e-Serie, CHE 0123-3

**In preparation:** Onslow, Cello Sonatas Op.16, No.1, 2, 3. Nina Tichman (piano), on the Naxos label. Release scheduled for 2013

### **Sapphire**

*Symbol of the unearthly, the celestial, the heavenly expanse, and the human spirit*

*"Which shift should be applied in which proportion is personal, yet the resulting quality is dependent on musical understanding, good taste and instrumental ability."*

*(reward and basic rule No. 19, page 179)*





# The Book – «Quintessence», Part 1

... and again: welcome to read through the book in which you will recognize all of the elements demonstrated on the DVDs.

With the third finger, the thumb builds  
a) an octave or b) a second;

with the second finger it builds  
a) a seventh or b) a third;

and with the first finger, it build  
a) a sixth or b) a fourth.

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Intervallc distance between two 4-finger positions

The first finger travels to a, where the finger change takes place. The distance between the two changing fingers is a minor third which builds the topographic "upon arrival" interval. The "travel" interval is shorter than the audible interval, the journey feels easy.

Intervallc distance between a 4-finger position and a 3-finger position

Here again the audible interval is larger than the topographic "travel" interval. The topographic "upon arrival" interval that follows the "travel" interval is an

Exercise 1 [H: 36]: place your second finger on the G on the A string, momentarily using this point as a geographical center. Allow your finger to glide up the string slowly for about 8 inches without applying any pressure, then bring it back over and past the G in the same tempo, sliding down the same distance from the G towards the scroll. Do not worry about the "smeary" quality of tone – in this exercise it should sound that way – just have fun. Slide the finger up again, this time stopping just a little bit lower in pitch, then follow the same path down again toward the scroll, stopping just a bit short of the previous spot. If this exercise is performed correctly, it will result in a pendulum-like motion that becomes increasingly narrower with an accelerated movement of the unified forearm and hand. The right arm should accompany this exercise with calm and absolutely regular bow changes. If you cannot keep the right and left hands independent, despite their different velocities this exercise will become hectic, counterproductive nonsense.

\* = ca. 8 inches

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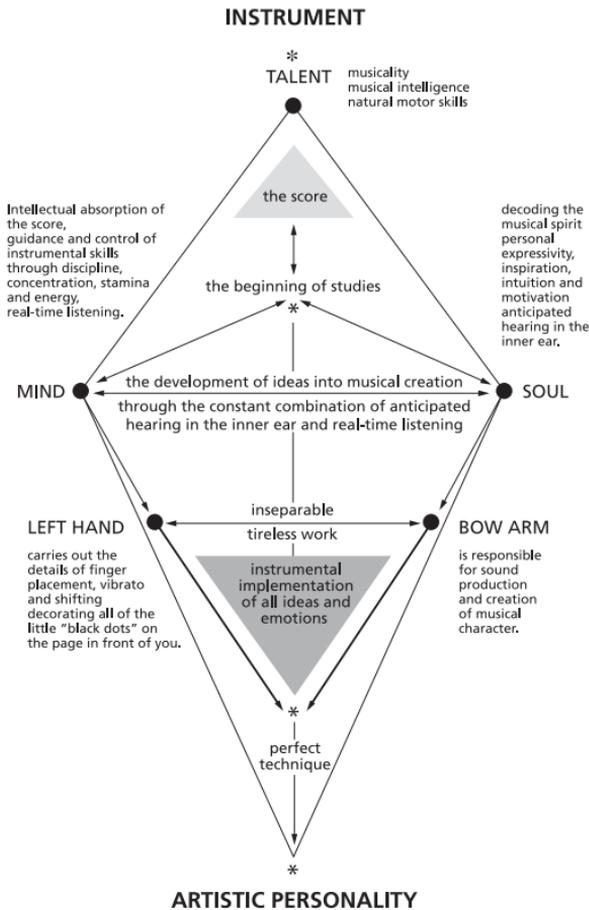
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**Diamond – Lord of the precious stones**  
Symbol of freedom, might and the soaring flights of intellect

*"With knowledge and insight you can let technical "know-how" recede into your subconscious and rely on reflexes. Expression and communication through your instrument are the backbone of your performances and should remain the focal point. The "infamous excerpts" in the repertoire are no longer the boogiemans, instead they have become close friends, though every now and then when errors creep in, it will be necessary to have a heart-to-heart talk!"*

(reward and basic rule No. 14, page 180)



... At a certain point, however, you will have to make a "temporarily permanent" decision in order to begin training your reflexes and then practice the same movements with your fingers until they function without conscious forethought ...

... Now, to put a little icing on the cake: if you hear something during practice that sounds especially good, even though you hadn't thought of any rule or "no-no's", stop for a moment and allow yourself give into the delight of discovery. But then immediately repeat the phrase and try to figure out how you did it, looking for what exactly was so good and why it was so terrific. Realizing and analyzing the good, as can be proved, will help you advance as much as constantly criticizing yourself, which at times can be rather frustrating ...

*Your treasure chest is full  
"With all of the gems  
collected on the six levels of  
our pyramid you are rich.  
With these gems of know-  
ledge you have found the  
guarantee on quality and  
stability in cello playing."*





# CELLO MASTER CLASS

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