Syllabus for String Bass

Grade	Pieces/Publisher (choose one from the list)	Studies (choose one from the list)	Scales and arpeggios (must be played from memory)
Elementary 1	 String Builder Bk. 1 (Belwin/Mills) No. 68, 70, 71, 78, 79 Time Pieces for Double Bass Vol. 1 (ABRSM) Trad. Lament to the Moon Blow Gavotte from Musick's Handmaid Rose Ballad II Schumann Little piece (Stuckchen), Op. 68 No. 5: from Album für die Jugend Op. 68 Trad. Corn Rigs Quadrille Berry A Little Blue Amazing Solos for Double Bass (Boosey & Hawkes) Trad. Peruvian Dance Tune 		C Major scale (a 6th) G Major scale + arpeggio (1 octave) *For scales: separate bows and slurred [2 quavers to a bow] *For arpeggio: separate bow only
Elementary 2	 String Builder Bk. 2 (Belwin/Mills) No. 14, 18 Time Pieces for Double Bass Vol. 1 (ABRSM) Beethoven Andante cantabile Herz Galoppe Swayne Lazybones Double Bass Solo I (Oxford) No. 7, 11 Syllabus of ABRSM Grade II (From 2024) A3: Boccherini Minuetto (from String Quartet in C, Op. 24 No. 4) arr. Slatford & Wells <u>OR</u> B7: Rose Ballad I 	Yorke Studies for Double Bass Vol. 1 <i>(Yorke)</i> No. 33, 45	F Major scale + arpeggio (1 octave) Bb Major scale + arpeggio (1 octave) A Minor scale + arpeggio (1 octave) *For scales: separate bows and slurred [2 quavers to a bow] *For arpeggios: separate bow only
Intermediate 1	 Time pieces for Double Bass Vol. 1 (ABRSM) Couperin Menuet de Poitou in A minor (without DC) Lully Air and Chaconne from Le bourgeois gentilhomme Schumann Melody from Album fur die Jugend Aprile Solfeggio No.3 Double Bass solo I (Oxford) No. 15, 17 Festival Performance Solos- Double Bass (Carl Fischer) Merle Mummers (Danse grotesque) Amazing Solos for Double Bass (Boosey & Hawkes) Verdi Grand March (from Aïda), arr. Schofield 	Yorke Studies for Double Bass Vol. 1 <i>(Yorke)</i> No. 97, 99	D Major and Minor scales + arpeggio (1octave) E Major and Minor scales + arpeggio (1octave) *For scales: separate bows and slurred [2 quavers to a bow] *For arpeggios: separate bows and slurred [2 notes to a bow] Chromatic scales: Starting on A (1 octave, separate bow only)

Intermediate 2	 Time pieces for Double Bass Vol. 2 (ABRSM) Froberger Gigue Handel Allegro from Concerto grosso in C minor, Op. 6 No. 8 Edvard Grieg Hunting Song Mendelssohn Venetian Gondola Song from Sechs Lieder, Op. 57 Benjamin Jamaican Rumba Kabalevsky Cavalryman Double Bass solo I (Oxford) No. 21, 26, 27 	Bottesini Method for Double Bass Part 1 <i>(Yorke)</i> No. 4, 9	A Major scale + arpeggio (a 12th) G Major and Minor scales + arpeggio (a 12th) *For scales: separate bows and slurred [2 quavers to a bow] *For arpeggios: separate bows and slurred [3 notes to a bow]
	 Yorke Solos Vol. 1 (Yorke) No. 13, 20, 23 Amazing Solos for Double Bass (Boosey & Hawkes) Humperdinck Fiddler's Song Suzuki Bass School Vol. 3 (Alfred) No.2 Minuet No.2 		Chromatic scales: Starting on G (1 octave, separate bowsand slurred [3 notes to a bow]) Dominant 7th : Key of A (1 octave, separate bow only)
	 Yorke Solos Vol. 1 (Yorke) No. 17, 18 Suzuki Bass School Vol. 3 (Alfred) No. 10 So What Time Disease for Double Bass Vol. 2 	Bottesini Method for Double Bass Part 1 (Yorke) No. 18, 32	Eb Major scale + arpeggio (1 octave) Bb Major and Minor scales + arpeggio (a 12th)
	 3. Time Pieces for Double Bass Vol. 2 (ABRSM) Rameau Le lardon and La boiteuse Fauré Autumn, Op.18 No.3 Spohr Allegro from String Quartet ir G minor, Op. 4 No. 2 Henderson Black Bottom 		*For scales: separate bows and slurred [2 beats to a bow] *For arpeggios: separate bows and slurred [3 notes to a bow]
Intermediate 3	 Festival Performance Solos- Double Bass (Carl Fischer) Massenet Melodie Simandl The Jolly Dutchman Amazing Solos for Double Bass (Boosey & Hawkes) 	5	Chromatic scales: Starting on D (1 octave, separate bowsand slurred [3 notes to a bow]) Dominant 7th : Key of F (1 octave, separate bows andslurred [2 notes to a bow])
	 Bernstein Cool 6. Syllabus of ABRSM Grade V (From 2024) A5: Handel Bourrée, arr. Suzuki <u>OR</u> B8: Minkler A Gaelic Melody, arr. Suzuk 		Diminished 7th : Starting on E (1 octave, separate bow only)

	 Vivaldi Allegro: 4th movement from Sonata No. 1 in B-flat major, RV47 (<i>IMC/Bärenreiter/Schott</i>) Marcello Largo and Allegro: 3rd and 4th movements from Sonata No. 1 in 	Bottesini Method for Double Bass Part 1 <i>(Yorke)</i> No. 40, 50	E Major, Minor Melodic and Harmonic scales + arpeggio (2 octaves) A Major, Minor Melodic and Harmonic scales + arpeggio (2 octaves) *For scales: separate bows and slurred
	4 th movements from Sonata No.1 in F major (<i>IMC/ Schirmer</i>)		[2 beats to a bow] *For arpeggios: separate bows and slurred [3 notes to a bow]
	 Solos for the Double Bass Player (G.Schirmer) Beethoven Sonatina, arr. Zimmerman 		Chromatic scales: Starting on E (2 octaves, separate bows and slurred [4 notes to a bow])
Advanced 1	4. Keyper Romance from Romance and Rondo for double bass (<i>Yorke</i>)		Dominant 7th : Key of C (2 octaves, separate bows
	 Amazing Solos for Double Bass (Boosey & Hawkes) Bernstein America 		and slurred [2 notes to a bow]) Diminished 7th : Starting on E (2 octaves, separate
	 Festival Performance Solos- Double Bas (Carl Fischer) Merle Caballero 		bows and slurred [2 notes to a bow])
	 Vivaldi Largo and Allegro: 1st and 2nd movements from Sonata No. 2 in F major, RV 41 (IMC/Bärenreiter/Schott) 	Bottesini Method for Double Bass Part 1 <i>(Yorke)</i> No. 71, 109	Ab Major, Minor Melodic and Harmonic scales + arpeggio (2 octaves) C Major, Minor Melodic and Harmonic scales + arpeggio (2 octaves)
Advanced 2	 Marcello Largo and Allegro: 3rd and 4th movements from Sonata in G minor, Op. 2 No. 4 (IMC/ Schirmer) 		*For scales: separate bows and slurred [2 beats to a bow] *For arpeggios: separate bows and slurred [3 notes to a bow]
	 Saint-Saens Aria "Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix", from "Samson et Dalila" arr. McTier, Duncan (<i>McTier Music</i>) 		Chromatic scales: Starting on Bb (2 octaves, separate bows and slurred [6 notes to a bow])
	 Yorke Solos for Double Bass Vol. 1 (Yorke) No.35 		Dominant 7th : Key of B (2 octaves, separate bows and slurred [2 notes to a bow])
	 Solos for the Double Bass Players (G.Schirmer) No. 10 Aria from Rigoletto 		Diminished 7th : Starting on Bb (2 octaves, separate bows and slurred [2 notes to a bow])
			Double Stop in broken steps scale: In 3rd, in Bb Major (1 octave)
	 Vivaldi Largo and Allegro: 1st and 2nd movements from Sonata No. 6 in B-flat major, RV46 (IMC/Bärenreiter/Schott) 	Bottesini Method for Double Bass Part 1 <i>(Yorke)</i> No. 110, 114	B Major, Minor Melodic and Harmonic scales + arpeggio (2 octaves) G Major, Minor Melodic and Harmonic scales + arpeggio (3 octaves)
	 Eccles Adagio and Corrente: Allegro con spirito: 3rd and 2nd movements from Sonata in G minor (IMC) 		*For scales: separate bows and slurred [7 notes to a bow] *For arpeggios: separate bows and slurred [3 notes to a bow]
Advanced 3	3. Telemann Lento and Allegro:1st and 2nd movements OR Largo and Allegro: 3rd and 4th movements from		Chromatic scales: Starting on G (2 octaves, separate bows and slurred [6 notes to a bow])
	Sonata in D major TWV 41:D6 (Bärenreiter/EMB Zeneműkiadó)		Dominant 7th : Key of C (2 octaves, separate bows and slurred [4 notes to a bow])
	 Dittersdorf Adagio: 2nd movement fror Concerto No. 2 (Yorke) Faure Après un rêve, Op. 7 No. 1 (IMC) 		Diminished 7th : Starting on G (2 octaves, separate bows and slurred [4 notes to a bow])
			Double Stop in broken steps scale: In 3rd, in D Major (1 octave)

Remark: Trainees and candidates are expected to play separate bows and slurred for scales and arpeggios with the new standard