



2026 Audition Repertoire

High School Violin

For more information regarding your audition recording requirements, please view the *Application Details* page on our website for the program for which you wish to apply.

Etude Book: *30 Etudes Speciales* by Jacques Mazas

Etude: No. 3, *The Firm Stroke*

Quarter Note = 65-75 BPM

Performance Notes: This etude is non-divisi, which means you will need to play both notes in each double stop.

The image shows the musical score for Etude No. 3, 'The Firm Stroke' by Jacques Mazas. The score is written for violin and consists of five staves. The first four staves are visible, and the fifth staff is partially obscured by a black redaction box. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and double stops. A large red bracket on the left side of the first four staves indicates a specific section of the music. Another red bracket is on the right side of the fifth staff, pointing to a measure that is partially redacted. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'f' (forte) and 'dolce' (softly), and articulation marks like 'V' (accents) and '0' (natural). Fingering numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) are also present throughout the piece.