

Fiddle Fingers

John Durocher

THE TUNE: John Durocher was a Canadian fiddle composer who wrote many tunes for Don Messer, including 'Messer's Memorial Waltz'. If you know more about him, please write to: violinworks@eastlink.ca

FINGERING TIPS: This tune sounds well only when it is played quite fast.
That means: USE AS FEW FINGERS AS POSSIBLE.
For example - in bar 1, third note - use only the second finger (not the 1st and 2nd at the same time). In bar 2, first and third notes - use only the 3rd finger, not all three.
This technique keeps your fingers out of each other's way!

BOWING TIPS: Use VERY SHORT bow-strokes.
In the second half of bar 1 - keep the hair as close to the D-string as possible, while you are playing the A-string notes. Why is that?

108 V D D G G

5 A A7 A7 D 1 V

9 D V D G 2

13 G A7 A7

16 A7 D 1 D 2