

OBJECTIVES OF BEGINNING CLASS

1. How to get comfortable with a guitar.
2. How to use the guitar as an accompaniment instrument by learning chords and song together.
3. Learn several strumming and picking styles.
4. Learn rhythmic theory in order to perform strumming and picking techniques.
5. Learn scale and chord formations and how to apply to the guitar.
6. Learn how to read sheet music (different from 'note-reading') and look at what can be downloaded from the Internet and how to interpret it.
7. Learn to transpose and why.
8. Tips on how to practice, care for, and purchase a guitar. Also a look at guitar paraphernalia: tuners, capos, picks, humidifiers, strings, etc.
9. To accompany yourself on guitar in music of your choice using techniques that you learn in class
10. An appreciation of music of the past and its evolution into our present culture.

I feel that learning through the method I teach will guide you to play by ear and be willing to improvise. You will learn techniques through many styles of music: folk, country, pop...past and present. (No heavy metal or rap!). IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SING, but singing and playing is the real challenge!