

Guitar Lessons

with Tom Serb
author of "Music Theory for
Guitarists"

WHY GUITAR?

For one thing, it's a lot more portable than a piano!

Guitar is one of the most versatile and expressive instruments around – it's been used in all styles of music for hundreds of years. In fact, Ludwig von Beethoven called the guitar 'a miniature orchestra in itself'.

The guitar is also one of the simplest instruments to get started making music. You'll be playing complete songs in a very short period of time!

LESSONS AVAILABLE

Lessons are available for:

Rhythm guitar

Lead guitar

Fingerstyle

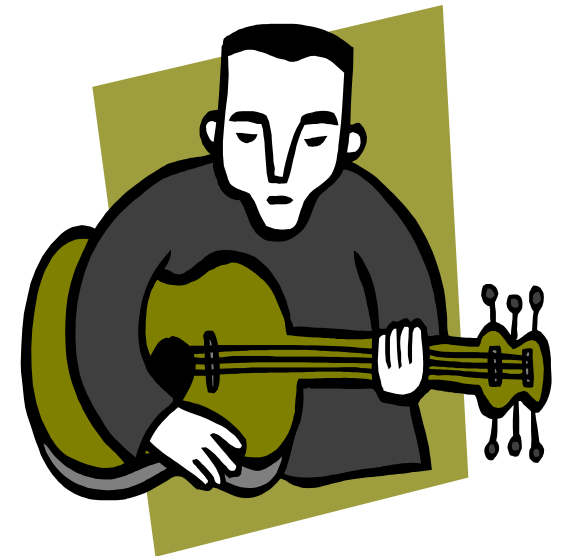
Sight reading

Music theory

Songwriting and composition

**Call Tom for guitar
lessons now!**

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BEGINNERS WELCOME!

WHY LEARN AN INSTRUMENT?

Studies have shown that music students perform better in all academic areas. Maybe that's because making music develops self-confidence, imagination, and creativity. Or perhaps it's the discipline developed from practicing, or the memory and concentration skills that performing develops.

Learning an instrument also develops motor skills and coordination, and fosters a sense of accomplishment as a student progresses.

Perhaps most importantly, it's a lot of fun!

WHY LESSONS ARE IMPORTANT

You've probably heard that a number of famous guitarists are 'self-taught'. That might be true, but the majority of them had others showing them a thing or two along the way.

The biggest benefit you'll gain from taking lessons is in learning things right from the beginning – many self-taught guitarists spent months or years breaking bad habits before they could progress further.

DOESN'T IT TAKE A LOT OF PRACTICE?

Mastering any instrument takes time, but the guitar is one of the easiest instruments to learn. You can make progress by practicing consistently in as little time as 20 minutes a day – although as you improve, you'll probably want to play much more!

WHAT STYLES CAN YOU LEARN?

Whatever you like!

All guitarists should learn the basics – chord formations, single note playing, and the like. It's a good idea to learn to read music, as it opens much broader horizons for you later on (and since all music reading begins with simple pieces like 'Mary Had a Little Lamb, you'll be better off tackling reading sooner instead of later).

Beyond the basics, you're limited only by your desires and determination – you can study blues, folk, jazz, rock, bluegrass, or any other style you desire.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Private lessons are \$20 for 30 minutes. Semi private and group lessons are also available – call for details!

ABOUT TOM



Teaching guitar since 1978, Tom is the author of the book "Music Theory for Guitarists". His lessons have appeared in "Play Guitar!" and "Acoustic Guitar" magazines. He currently teaches at Early Notes in Naperville, and is the Director of the Midwest Music Academy in Plainfield IL..

In his 30 years in music, Tom has also been a music store owner, a record producer, a songwriter, and a composer of motion picture scores.

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