



Skill Maps

GUITAR

BEGINNER LEVEL 1: 13 - ADULT

Taaqademy's music teachers are carefully chosen for their musical ability, teaching aptitude, live performance experience and music qualifications - pretty much in that order. We can confidently claim to have some of the country's top musicians with us. As a result, we use a proprietary method of '**Skill Maps**' to bring structure and focus

to our classes, enabling our musicians to **avoid cookie-cutter methods** when working with students. Skill Maps provide **detailed specifics** on what students should be able to accomplish at every level while allowing our teachers to use their own **unique approaches**, songs, techniques and shortcuts to get students there!

GUITAR BEGINNER LEVEL 1: AREAS COVERED



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS



SONG LEARNING



EAR TRAINING



LIVE PERFORMANCE



MUSCULAR TRAINING



MUSIC EXAMINATIONS



SIGHT READING

DETAILS ON PG.2



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

- Conceptual knowledge - pitch, duration, intensity, quality
- Note names and ability to find notes on a keyboard
- Guitar string note names, guitar tuning concept
- Conceptual knowledge of whole, half & quarter notes
- Major scale concept, first position C Major Scale



EAR TRAINING

- Knowledge of basic pitch
- Ability to sing at least 5 - 6 distinct notes within one octave



MUSCULAR TRAINING

- Ability to play chromatic 2-finger and 4-finger exercises using quarter notes, with a metronome between 60 - 90 bpm



SIGHT READING

- Basics of staff notation
- Reading notes on first string, notes on second string (e.g. from 'Mel Bay's Guitar Method 1')



SONG LEARNING

- 1-, 2- or 3-string simple melodies
- Ability to pick up simple melodies, or parts of melodies and play 'by ear'



LIVE PERFORMANCE

- Depending on ability, a Taaqademy recital performance



MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

- Depending on ability, RSL Awards/Trinity Debut Grade Examination

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

This question gets asked a lot! Allow us to give you a simple rule-of-thumb:

- At this level, if you **consistently** practice an avg. **30min - 1 hr. per day**, you can expect to have mastered the above in **3 months** (just **12 classes**) or less.
- If you practice around **2 hrs. per week**, this could **add 1 - 2 months**.
- If you practice **<1 hr. per week**, you could take **6 months!**