



## Lindenbaum Outreach Guitar Class Syllabus 2023-2024

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**Rehearsal Time and Location:** See calendar posted at [www.tlucma.org](http://www.tlucma.org) for specific dates.

- Thursdays, Guitar Level 1: 4:30-5:30 PM
- Thursdays, Guitar Level 2: 5:30-6:30 PM
- Thursdays, Guitar Small Group, Level 3: 6:30-7:30 PM
- Level 2 and 3 classes may be switched on times for Choir students that are both in Guitar and Choir. Families will be notified if there is a need to switch the classes.
- Texas Lutheran University Schuech Fine Arts Building Band Hall

**Course Description:** Group instruction in beginning guitar. One 50-minute lesson per week.

**Required Materials:** Instrument, footstool, assigned music and technique materials, practice journal.

### LEVEL 1 GUITAR CLASS: LEVELS 2 AND 3 WILL DEVELOP THESE SKILLS FURTHER

**Course Objectives:** Applied study of the Guitar based on these Suzuki Method philosophies:

- Suzuki teachers believe that musical ability can be developed in all children.
- Students begin at young ages.
- Parents play an active role in the learning process.
- Children become comfortable with the instrument before learning to read music.
- Technique is taught in a musical context rather than through technical exercises.
- Skills and musicality are refined through constant review of past repertoire.

Through these Suzuki teaching elements the following student goals and objectives will be taught:

- To play with a balanced and relaxed posture, conducive to ease of performance at all times.
- To acquire technical proficiency in areas including, but not limited to:
  - \* Beautiful and varied tone colors
  - \* Facility and organization of the left hand leading to accurate and consistent intonation
- To learn and perform repertoire with both technical proficiency and musical expression, as well as

to reflect on successes and areas for improvement in performance.

- To gain a knowledge and appreciation for a range of repertoire for the instrument both through performance and listening.
- To be encouraged to continue lessons and performance at Texas Lutheran University upon graduation from High School.

**Minimum Practice Requirements:** Daily practice requirements and suggestions for organizing your practice will be discussed between the instructor, students, and parents during class. A practice journal will be an essential tool in practicing effectively.

**Attendance Policy:**

- A parent/guardian is asked to attend every class with the student.
- If you must miss a lesson for any reason, please inform the instructor at least 24 hours in advance.
- Students are required to participate in the end of the semester recitals.
- Missing more than three classes per semester, for any reason, may result in dismissal from the class and require the return of any rented instruments.

**Required Performance Dates:**

**December 5, 2023** - Lindenbaum Outreach Program and Youth Orchestra Recital  
TLU Jackson Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

**April 30, 2024** - Lindenbaum Outreach Program and Youth Orchestra Recital  
TLU Jackson Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.