

INTRODUCTION TO STRING INSTRUMENTS

Course Summary

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WHO THIS COURSE IS FOR:

- 2nd-5th grade students
- Anyone interested in learning a string instrument (violin or viola)
- No experience in music is necessary (though it's a plus!)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Students will know basic music concepts and how to read music.
- Students will learn how to take care of their instrument, including daily. maintenance, tuning, and how to store their instrument when it's not being played.
- Students will learn how to practice effectively, how to set goals, and how to develop healthy practice habits.
- Students will learn how to play with correct posture and technique, both pizzicato (plucking) and arco (playing with the bow).
- Students will learn how to play basic pieces on their instruments, both as a solo and with a group.
- By the end of the class, the group will perform as a chamber orchestra in a fun and encouraging concert setting.

INSTRUMENT RENTALS:

- Keller Strings will be providing instrument rentals for the students and fitting students for their instrument during the first class.
- Students will rent their instruments directly from Keller Strings and keep them for the duration of the course (and hopefully longer!) to practice in between classes.

CURRICULUM:

- Essential Elements for Strings, Book I: Violin
- Essential Elements for Strings, Book I: Viola
- Suzuki Method

MEET THE TEACHER



SEAN COLLINS

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When it comes to Music, Sean Collins is a “jack of all trades.” He started playing guitar in high school, but soon branched out into keyboard, violin, banjo, trumpet, sitar, and even the didgeridoo! With a passion for all things music, his teaching style is adaptable to almost any student’s interests. In college, Sean spent four years in the Southeastern Louisiana University classical guitar ensemble, where he also studied theory, conducting, and classical guitar methods. After graduating with a bachelor's degree with a concentration in music, he became involved in the local music scene. A versatile performer, Sean has performed in many different contexts, from playing live electronic music DJ Sets, to playing with folk rock bands, often switching instruments between every song. Sean has been giving private lessons since his early days in high school and has a love of sharing his musical knowledge on every subject, no matter how obscure.