

H1 - Sloan School of Music: Stringed Instrument Lessons

Learning to play a string instrument is like learning to speak music in a pure language. At [Sloan School of Music](#), we teach violin, viola, and cello. The skills necessary for playing these instruments can at first seem daunting, but with time and much practice, the student becomes proficient.

H2 - An Overview of Stringed Instruments

What is a “stringed instrument?” The answer is simple: a stringed instrument is a musical instrument that has strings to play! There is a great variety of stringed instruments, but they all have some common characteristics.

They have strings stretched over their necks. These strings stretch from the neck over a sound box, which is the body of the instrument. Many bodies of stringed instruments have an opening, directly under the strings. This opening amplifies the vibrations of the strings as they are plucked or strummed by the player.

The strings’ sound can also be produced by running a bow across the strings as with violins and other instruments. Some stringed instruments do not have an opening in the body, like an electric guitar. In these cases, the instrument requires an amplifier to help produce the sound. The instruments have some form of tuner on the neck to tighten or loosen the strings to adjust their pitch.

H2 - Types of Stringed Instruments

There are more than 300 different stringed instruments in the world! They range from the 88-string piano (which is also considered to be a percussion instrument because players strike the keys during play) all the way down to a single-stringed diddy bow.

The most common are:

Bass

Violin

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Ukulele

Harp

Guitar

Mandolin

Banjo

H2 - The Benefits of String Lessons at the Sloan School of Music

The expert instructors at Sloan School of Music understand how learning to play [music benefits you](#). When you start lessons with stringed instrument, you will:

- Learn to read music
- Gauge sounds as you play
- Improve poise and posture
- Develop important socialization skills
- Improve comprehension and math skills
- Develop problem-solving skills
- [Improve brain function and IQ](#)

We offer lessons for the beginning to expert and will adjust the lessons to meet you where you are. Sloan School of Music offers a positive atmosphere that makes learning easier and more enjoyable.

Our experts lead group lessons, where you can learn how to combine your skills with others. We also offer private, individual lessons to focus on your specific needs and strengths. Individual lessons enable you to grow and improve at a much faster rate.

H2 - 6 Frequently Asked Questions about Stringed Instrument Lessons

When you decide to take music lessons, it's a long-term commitment. Playing music is fun and soothing, but if you have never played an instrument before, you may have some questions.

H3 - 1. How Old Should My Child Be Before Starting Stringed Music Lessons?

Although it may vary from person to person, the youngest a child can usually begin lessons is six years old. They will need to know their alphabet and be comfortable sitting in one place for about 20 minutes at a time.

H3 - 2. Do I Need to Buy a New Instrument?

If buying a new musical instrument is not an option for you, we offer used instruments at affordable rates. We also offer high-quality instruments for rent. For many parents, renting is ideal because as your child grows, they can 'move up' in the size of their instrument. Our experts can help you find the solution that best fits you.

H3 - 3. Can I Sit In On My Child's Lessons?

Parents may certainly sit in on their child's lessons. Realize that some children may find the presence of their parents or guardians to be distracting. Before you commit to sitting in on your child's lessons, consider whether it will help or hinder their progress.

H3 - 4. How Long Does It Take to Learn to Play an Instrument?

This is an impossible question to answer as every person is unique and progresses at their own rate. Consistent practice will help you improve far more quickly than a haphazard or inconsistent practice schedule.

H3 - 5. How Long Should I Practice?

We recommend a practice schedule of at least 30-40 minutes every day for five or six days per week. The most important consideration is consistency.

H3 - 6. How Often Should I Take Lessons?

We recommend weekly lessons. This allows our instructors to track your child's progress and help them make any adjustments not only during their lessons but also changes to their practice sessions at home.

H2 - Piano Lessons at Two Convenient Locations

When you visit either of Sloan School of Music's two locations (one in [Hagerstown, MD](#) and one in [Urbana, MD](#)), our friendly expert staff can answer your questions, give you a tour of our facilities, and help you begin your music lessons.

H2 - Three More Reasons to Choose the Sloan School of Music for Your Stringed Lessons:

H3 - 1. We offer state-of-the-art facilities. Our group and private lessons are held in a clean, modern space. We provide a comfortable waiting area complete with USB charging ports, free WIFI, and even a fridge stocked with free drinks!

H3 - 2. Our instructors are experienced at teaching. We were founded in 2019 by a group of teachers. Just because someone can play music doesn't mean they can teach. Sloan School of Music was founded in 2019 by a group of teachers. We focus not only on the music but also the ability to pass our knowledge down to others.

H3 - 3. We stay up to date. Technology is always changing! We are committed to keeping up with advances in the music industry and ensuring you have the most current instruction available.

H2 - Stringed Instrument Instructors

If you're considering piano lessons for you or your child, [call us today](#). Our knowledgeable staff will answer all your questions and match you with one of our expert instructors. Learn more about our teachers below.

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