

GUITAR BEGINNINGS CLASS AT POTOMAC ARTS ACADEMY

Welcome to Guitar Beginnings! We are glad you have chosen to start your musical journey with us at Potomac Arts Academy. We will be playing the guitar from the first day of class, so it is important that you bring your own instrument with you at the very beginning.

What type of guitar will my child need?

For this class we will be using classical, nylon string guitars. These come in several sizes, so it will be important for you to take your child to a reputable music store to be assisted in choosing the correct size. Make sure to purchase a **protective case** separately if it does not come with your guitar. You will also need to purchase a **classical guitar foot stool**. A tuner is recommended, but not required. **Please do not order a guitar from the internet!** Also, avoid mass-marketed “guitar packages” as these are often very poor quality instruments and will most likely frustrate your child rather than encourage them to continue.

Recommended Vendor and Guitar Makers:

Foxes Music Store in Falls Church, VA has agreed to give us a group discount on **Hohner** student guitars, cases, tuners, and footstools. Mention that you are registered for the Guitar Beginnings Class with Mrs. Dorman at Potomac Arts Academy, and they will give you the group rate. Again, please take your child with you to the store to ensure you purchase the correct size guitar. Most students will need either a 1/2 or ¾ size guitar.

Look for these names of guitar makers:

Hohner- these are economically priced student quality guitars

Cordoba- great quality student guitars at a slightly higher price range

You should expect to pay between \$80- \$150 for your guitar- depending on the size and the guitar maker; between \$15-\$20 for a padded bag/case; \$15-\$20 for a guitar footstool; and around \$15 for a guitar tuner (not required).

If you have any questions, please contact the Potomac Arts Academy office at 703-993-9889.