



**\*\*Course Title:\*\*** Introduction to Yangqin and Guzheng for Elementary School Students

**\*\*Course Duration:\*\*** 18 weeks

**\*\*Course Description:\*\***

This 18-week course is designed to provide elementary school students with a comprehensive music education experience, covering the Yangqin and Guzheng, two traditional Chinese musical instruments. Students will learn the fundamental knowledge, history, and playing techniques of the Yangqin and Guzheng and have the opportunity to perform a variety of traditional and contemporary music. Through practical, performance, and creative activities, students will develop musical skills and an understanding of music.

**\*\*Course Objectives:\*\***

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Proficiently identify and understand the various components of the Yangqin and Guzheng.
2. Gain a deeper understanding of the history, culture, and musical traditions of the Yangqin and Guzheng.
3. Perform a wide range of Yangqin and Guzheng pieces, including both traditional and contemporary music.
4. Read and interpret Yangqin and Guzheng sheet music.
5. Demonstrate hand placement and playing techniques.
6. Cultivate creative and performance skills.

**\*\*Course Outline:\*\***

- **\*\*Weeks 1-2:\*\*** What are Yangqin and Guzheng?
  - Introduction to the Yangqin and Guzheng, including their components.
  - The history and cultural significance of the Yangqin and Guzheng.
- **\*\*Weeks 3-4:\*\*** Basic Posture and Hand Placement

- Learning the correct seating and positioning of the Yangqin and Guzheng.
- Practicing hand placement and basic playing techniques.
  
- **Weeks 5-6:** Basic Playing Techniques
  - Mastering fundamental Yangqin and Guzheng playing techniques.
  - Performing simple traditional melodies.
  
- **Weeks 7-10:** Yangqin and Guzheng Notation and Reading
  - Learning Yangqin and Guzheng music symbols and sheet music reading.
  - Performing a variety of pieces.
  
- **Weeks 11-12:** Advancing Yangqin and Guzheng Techniques
  - Mastering higher-level Yangqin and Guzheng playing techniques.
  - Performing a wider range of pieces.
  
- **Weeks 13-16:** Contemporary Yangqin and Guzheng Music
  - Exploring the world of contemporary Yangqin and Guzheng music.
  - Performing modern Yangqin and Guzheng pieces.
  
- **Weeks 17-18:** Yangqin and Guzheng Performance Projects
  - Students select and prepare a Yangqin and Guzheng performance project.
  - Implementing and showcasing the projects.

**Materials Required:**

- Yangqin and Guzheng (provided by the school or available for rent).
- Yangqin hammers and Guzheng nails.
- Music stands.
- Yangqin and Guzheng sheet music books.
- Audio and video resources for learning and listening to Yangqin and Guzheng music.

**Note:** This 18-week course provides a comprehensive music education experience, covering the Yangqin and Guzheng, two traditional Chinese musical instruments. Adaptations will be made according to the age and skill level, ensuring support and motivation throughout the semester to make learning engaging and meaningful.

- Class 1: Thursday, December 14, 2023
- No Class (Winter Holidays): Thursday, December 21, 2023
- No Class (Winter Holidays): Thursday, December 28, 2023
- Class 2: Thursday, January 4, 2024
- No Class (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday): Thursday, January 11, 2024
- Class 3: Thursday, January 18, 2024
- Class 4: Thursday, January 25, 2024

- Class 5: Thursday, February 1, 2024
- Class 6: Thursday, February 8, 2024
- No Class (Lincoln's Day Holiday): Thursday, February 15, 2024
- No Class (President's Day Holiday): Thursday, February 22, 2024
- Class 7: Thursday, February 29, 2024
- Class 8: Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Class 9: Thursday, March 14, 2024
- No Class (Second Trimester Ends): Thursday, March 15, 2024
- Class 10: Thursday, March 21, 2024
- Class 11: Thursday, March 28, 2024
- Class 12: Thursday, April 4, 2024
- Class 13: Thursday, April 11, 2024
- Class 14: Thursday, April 18, 2024
- Class 15: Thursday, April 25, 2024
- Class 16: Thursday, May 2, 2024
- No Class (Memorial Holiday): Thursday, May 9, 2024
- Class 17: Thursday, May 16, 2024
- Class 18: Thursday, May 23, 2024
- No Class (Last Day of Instruction): Thursday, May 30, 2024
- No Class (Third Trimester Ends): Thursday, June 13, 2024