

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



****Course Duration:**** 33 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 1-3:**** 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 4-6:** Basic Posture and Hand Placement
 - Learning the correct seating and positioning of the Yangqin and Guzheng.
 - Practicing hand placement and basic playing techniques.
- **Weeks 7-10:** Basic Playing Techniques
 - Mastering fundamental Yangqin and Guzheng playing techniques.
 - Performing simple traditional melodies.
- **Weeks 11-14:** Yangqin and Guzheng Notation and Reading
 - Learning Yangqin and Guzheng music symbols and sheet music reading.
 - Performing a variety of pieces.
- **Weeks 15-20:** Advancing Yangqin and Guzheng Techniques
 - Mastering higher-level Yangqin and Guzheng playing techniques.
 - Performing a wider range of pieces.
- **Week 21-25** Advancing Yangqin and Guzheng Techniques Mastering higher-level Yangqin and Guzheng playing techniques continue.
- **Week 26-28** Encourage and teach students to compose their own simple music.
- **Weeks 29-31:** Contemporary Yangqin and Guzheng Music
 - Exploring the world of contemporary Yangqin and Guzheng music.
 - Performing modern Yangqin and Guzheng pieces.
- **Weeks 32-33:** 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 33-weeks 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, 9/ 26/ 2024
- Class 2: Thursday, 10/3/2024
- Class 3: Thursday, 10/10/2024
- Class 4: Thursday, 10/17/2024
- Class 5: Thursday, 10/24/2024

- Class 6: Thursday, 10/31/2024
- Class 7: Thursday, 11/7/2024
- No Class (Veterans Day Holiday) Thursday, November 11/11/2024
- Class 8: Thursday, 11/14/2024
- Class 9: Thursday, 11/21/2024
- Thanksgiving Holidays Saturday, 11/23/ 2024 through Sunday, 12/ 1/ 2024
- Class 10: Thursday, 12/5/ 2024
- Class 11: Thursday, 12/12/ 2024
- Class 12: Thursday, 12/19/2024
- No Class (Winter Holidays): . Saturday, 12/21/ 2024 through Sunday, 1/5/ 2025
- Class 13: Thursday, 1/9/2025
- Class 14: Thursday, 1/16/2025
- No Class (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday): 1/20/ 2025
- Class 15: Thursday, 1/23/2025
- Class 16: Thursday, 1/30/2025
- Class 17: Thursday, 2/6/2025
- No Class (Lincoln's Day Holiday): 2/10/2025
- Class 18: Thursday, 2/13/2025
- No Class (President's Day Holiday): 2/17/ 2025
- Class 19: Thursday, 2/20/2025
- Class 20: Thursday, 2/27/2025
- Class 21: Thursday, 3/6/2025
- Class 22: Thursday, 3/13/2025
- Class 23: Thursday, 3/20/2025
- Class 24: Thursday, 3/27/2025
- Class 25: Thursday 4/3/2025
- Class 26: Thursday, 4/10/2025
- Spring Holidays Saturday, 4/12/ 2025 through Sunday, 4/ 20/ 2025
- .Class 27: Thursday, 4/24/2025
- Class 28: Thursday, 5/1/2025
- Class 29: Thursday, 5/8/2025
- Class 30: Thursday, 5/15/2025
- Class 31: Thursday, 5/22/2025
- No Class (Memorial Holiday): 5/26/2025
- Class 32: Thursday, 5/29/2025
- Class 33: Thursday, 6/5/2025
- No Class (Last Day of Instruction): Thursday, 6/12/2025
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