2024-25 Conservatory Audition Packet: Guitar

Guit I

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Guitar Studies Conservatory Audition Excerpts:

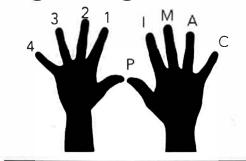
Second Solo

Solo arrangement with melody above (and below) the chord accompaniment.



Prepare and rehearse one solo piece from the *Graded Solo Rep ertoire Book 1st edition by Dr. Simon Powis*; Grade 3 and above. ex. Menuet, Rujero, Romanza, Lagrima etc.

Fingering Notations



Practice Tips

The 7 Steps to Learn Any Piece:

- 1. Make small sections
- 2. Know all the notes and musical markings
- 3. Clap and count the rhythm aloud
- 4. Play the right hand alone, counting aloud
- 5. Play the left hand alone, counting aloud
- 6. Play hands together, taking corrective pauses (no mistakes!)
- 7. Play hands together in rhythm, with slow metronome

Musical Starting Points:

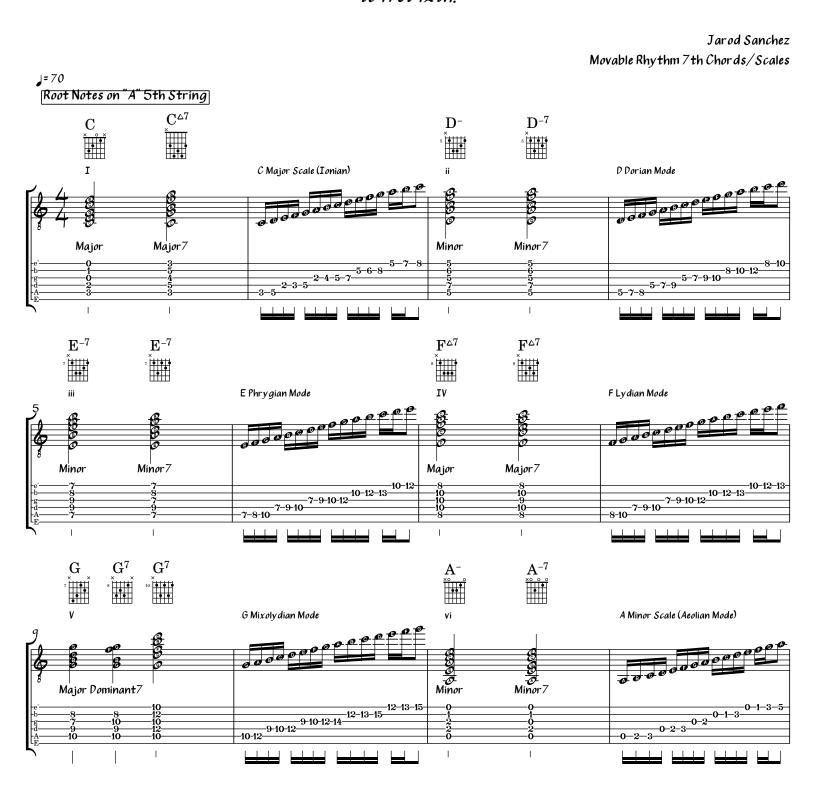
- 1. Know which notes are melody (probably stems up), and play the others quieter
- 2. Connect all melody notes smoothly (no gaps)
- 3. When a musical line or melody goes up in pitch, get quieter
- 4. When a musical line or melody goes down in pitch, get louder
- 5. Don't let the high notes stand out (any note higher than those before and after)

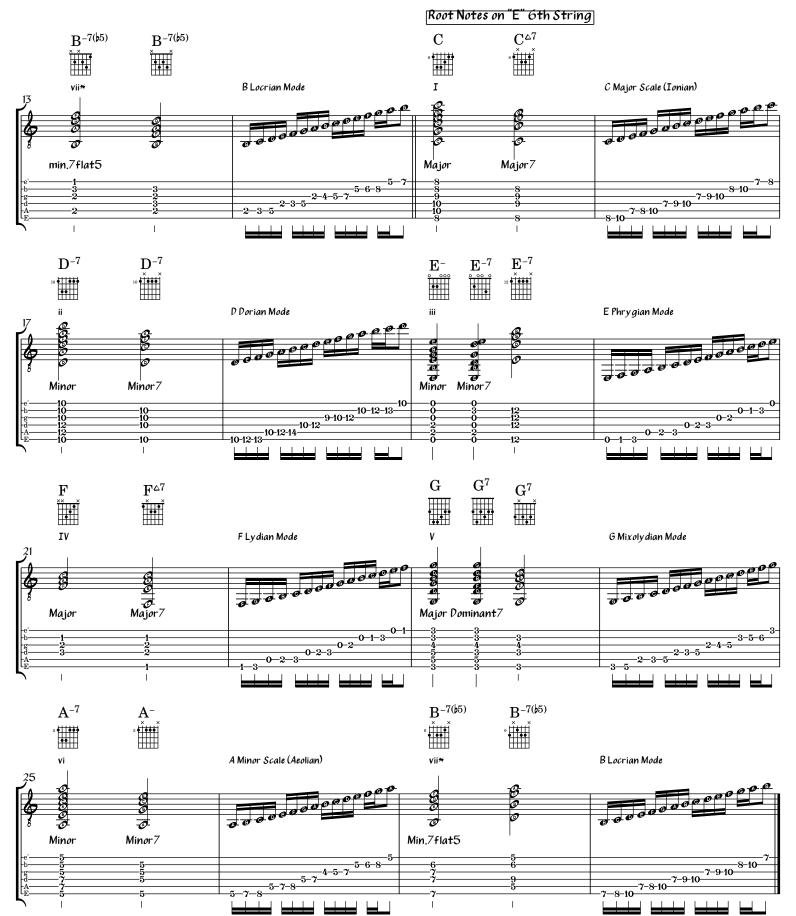
Practice Tips:

- 1. Before slowing down or speeding up (rubato) master it at a steady pace.
- 2. For tricky spots, state out loud exactly what the problem is, in every detail.
- 3. Memorize every piece (even if you don't, you'll learn it faster if you try)
- 4. Have a purpose behind each repetition (blind repetitions are lazy practice).
- 5. Video yourself for performance practice and to hear what is and is not working.

Chords & Scales: Key of C Major

Written for a 19 fret Classical Nylon Guitar(no cutaway body). Which are comfortably playable up to fret 12th.





Classical Guitar Sitting Position

Guitar Position with a Footstool



Headstock Level, Angel, Contact Points



Instructions for the Classical Guitar Position

Headstock Position – The headstock should be around eye level or above. There are many variables in this so it's all approximate and depends on the player. Modern players and those with guitar supports sometimes have it above eye level.

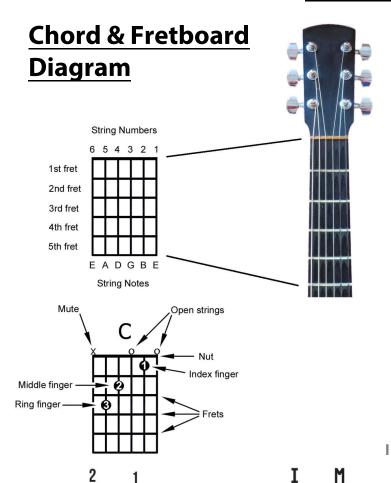
Guitar Angle – The guitar should be at a 45 degree angle or steeper. Again, there are many variables here and many modern players hold the guitar at a steeper angle which generally brings the headstock closer to your head.

The guitar contacts the body at the following points – 1. Very lightly on the chest. 2. On the right forearm in front on the elbow. 3. On the right thigh (if using a guitar support the support contacts). 4. On the left thigh.

Main Tips

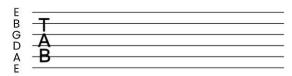
- Sit up straight with your head and spine in alignment. Do not lean to one side or the other.
- Sit on the forward edge of the chair.
- The guitar/guitar neck is at a 45 degree angle or steeper.
- The headstock of the guitar should be approximately at eye level. Experiment with the height of the footstool or support so the headstock is around eye level or higher.
- The left foot is raised with the footstool, the right foot is on the ground. With a guitar support both feet will be flat on the ground.
- Align your centre of gravity by keeping your head, neck, and spine aligned.
- Relax and align your shoulders. Carefully check that one shoulder isn't raised more than the other.

Notation Key



Tablature

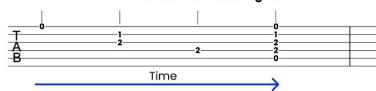
Six lines represent six strings



Numbers refer to frets



Time moves from left to right



*Use left hand numbers for chord diagrams.

Cuban Tab

1 / 2 String/Fret

Right Hand



LEFT HAND

Left Hand Technique

- Press notes in the middle of frets.
- ✓ Thumb should sit on the middle of the back of fretboard.
- ✓ Arch your fingers.
- ✓ Use one finger per fret.

RIGHT HAND

- ✓ Play on finger-tips.
- / Do not overly arch or bend wrist.



Category	5	4	3	2	1
Right Hand/left	hands are	Right hand or left	Both hands are	Both hands are	Both hands are
hand Technique	perfectly	hand is	awkwardly	awkwardly	awkwardly
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	Student	positioned;	student makes	causing student	student employs
	consistently	however,	some errors in	to make many	none of the
	employs correct	student is able to	right hand	errors in right	proper right hand
	right hand	employ correct	techniques	hand techniques	techniques (only
	techniques	right hand		·	using thumb, or a
	(alternating, rest	techniques.			single repeated
	strokes, free				finger to play)
	strokes,				
	strumming)				
Posture	Students Posture	Students posture	Students posture	Students posture	Student has no
	is excellent: Sits	is mostly good	is sufficient	is insufficient	regard for their
	on edge of seat,	however could	however needs	causing errors in	posture effecting
	shoulders are	use some	improvement in	the music to	the quality of the
	straight, both	adjustment.	many areas.	happen	music being
	feet are flat on	Student positions	Student plays		performed
	the ground and	guitar on left leg	with guitar on		
	the guitar is	with a footstool	right leg		
	properly positioned on				
	the left leg with				
	a footstool				
Rhythm	The beat is	The beat is	The beat is	The beat is	There is no sense
,	secure and the	secure and the	somewhat	usually erratic	of a beat and all
	rhythms are	rhythms are	erratic. Some	and rhythms are	rhythms were
	accurate	mostly accurate.	rhythms are	seldom accurate	inaccurate leading
		There are a few	accurate.	detracting	to the music being
		duration errors,	Frequent or	significantly from	unrecognizable.
		but these do not	repeated	the overall	
		detract from the	duration errors.	performance	
		overall	Rhythm		
		performance.	problems		
			occasionally		
			detract from the		
			overall performance.		
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Accuracy	All notes were	All notes were	Some mistakes in	Frequent errors	Student unable to
	played correctly and with all the	played correctly, however	the notes and fingerings, but	with notes and fingerings	finish piece due to inability to
		occasionally the	was easily able to	causing student	accurately play
	proper fingerings.	wrong fingering	recover	to stop and	notes or use
	illigetiligs.	wrong inigering were used.	ICCOVE	correct	proper fingerings.
		were asea.		themselves	higher migerings.
Musicality	Student plays the	Student plays the	Student is	Student is	Student clearly is
	piece confidently	piece with	hesitant while	hesitant while	unprepared and is
	and follows all	confidence,	playing, and	playing and most	unable to follow
	musical	however some	some musical	musical	any of the musical
	directions	musical markings	directions were	directions were	directions in the
		were ignored	ignored	ignored	piece