# YOU WANT ME TO TEACH GUITAR? I'M AN ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR!



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2014 MIDWEST CLINIC

# STARTING A GUITAR PROGRAM

- POPULARITY OF THE GUITAR
- MAFFORDABILITY OF A PROGRAM
- POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH
- BUILD TOTAL NUMBERS IN YOUR MUSIC PROGRAM

# BENEFITS OF GUITAR INSTRUCTION

- DIVERSITY
- NEW STYLES OF MUSIC
  - FOLK, POP/ROCK, CLASSICAL, ETC.
- NON-TRADITIONAL MUSIC STUDENT
- **MUSIC APPRECIATION**

## HOW TO APPROACH ADMINISTRATION

- PROVIDE A RATIONALE OF HOW A GUITAR PROGRAM WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT YOUR SCHOOL
- INCLUDE MORE STUDENTS IN THE ARTS
- AFFORDABLE TO FUND
- LOW MAINTENANCE COSTS

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## NON-GUITARIST TEACHING GUITAR

- NOT DIFFICULT TO LEARN BASICS
- EASY TO TEACH & MOTIVATE
- FUN TO LEARN A NEW INSTRUMENT
- TEACHING GUITAR WORKSHOPS
  - HTTP://WWW.GUITAREDUNET.ORG

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# TEACHING GUITAR WORKSHOPS

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WORKSHOPS

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# A Beginner Teaching Guitar









Lessons from Scott Seifried



Teaching Guitar Workshops Calendar

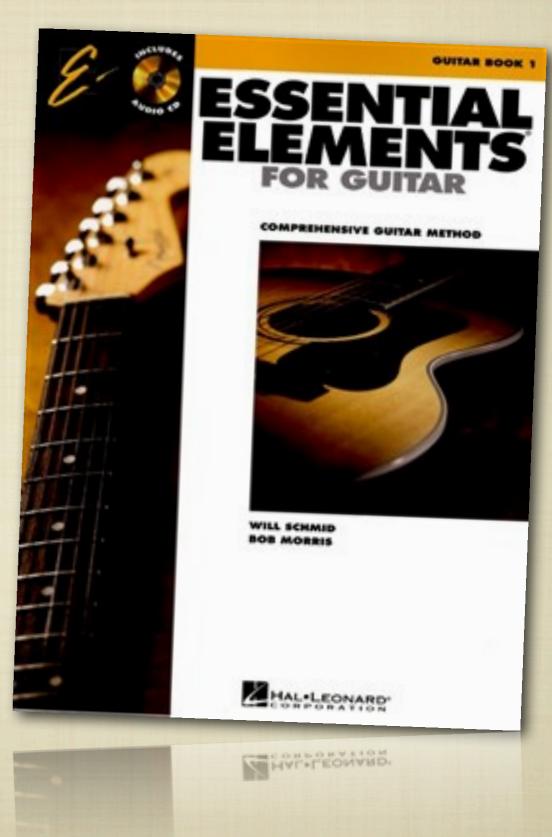
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HAVE STUDENTS PURCHASE THEIR OWN BOOK

### GETTING STARTED DEMO

- REST POSITION/
  PLAYING POSITION/
  RH AND LH
  POSITIONS
- POSTURE
- BASIC CHORDS (RHYTHM)
- NOTE READING
  (LEAD)

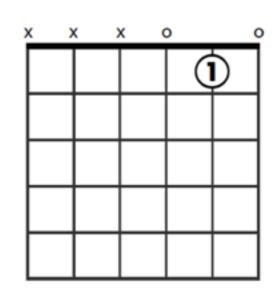
- SIMPLE BASS
- ENSEMBLES FROM A
  LEAD SHEET
- 3 PART ENSEMBLE SCORING
- THE CAPO

### REST & PLAYING POSITION



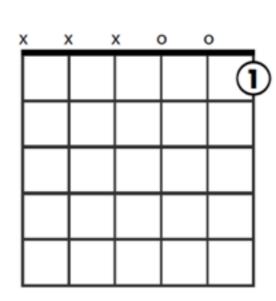
## CHORDS ON DAY 1!

C Chord



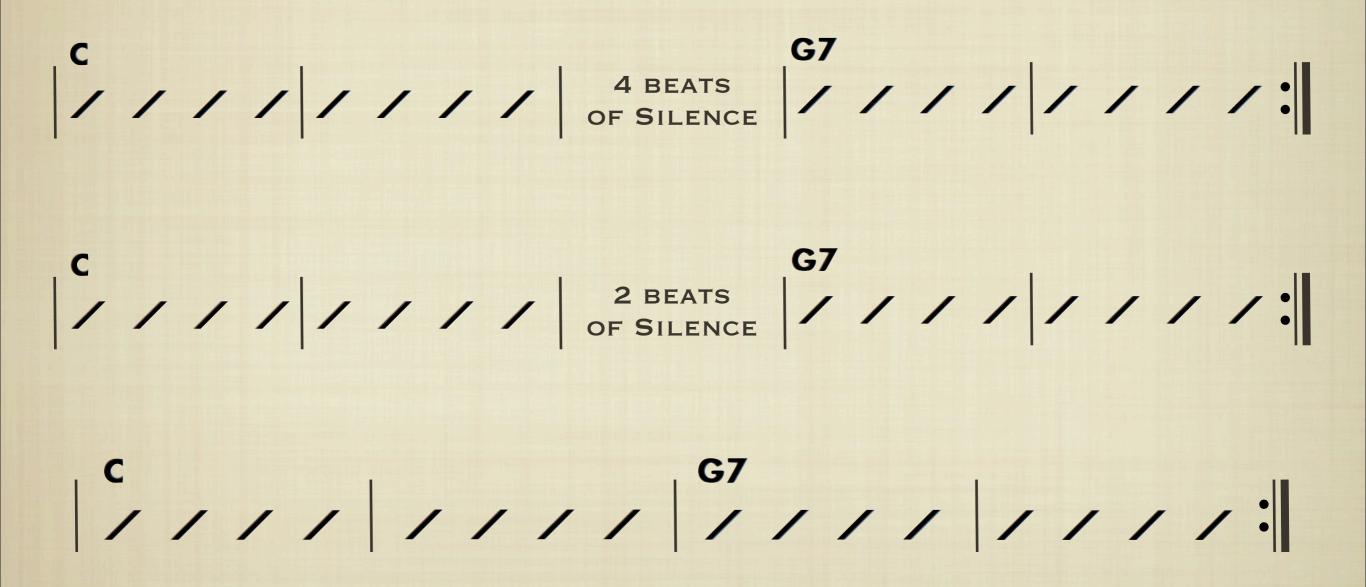


G7 Chord

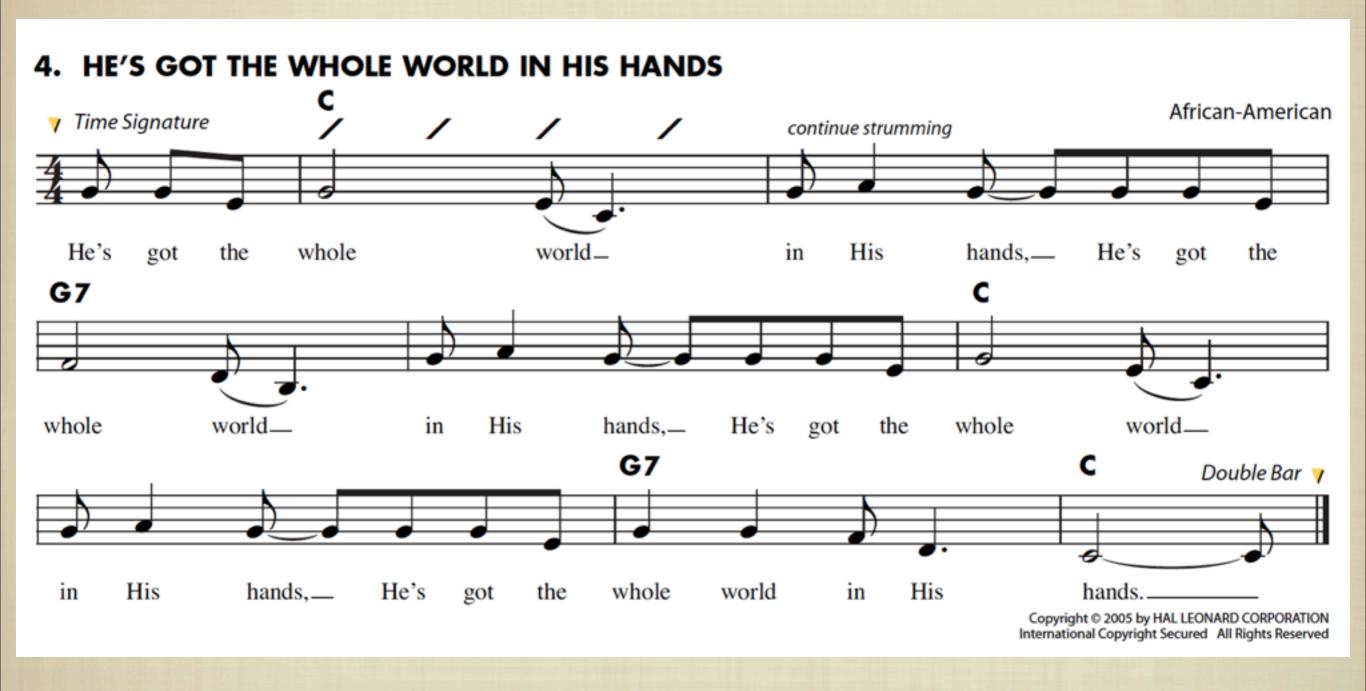




# CHORD CHANGING TEACHING SEQUENCE

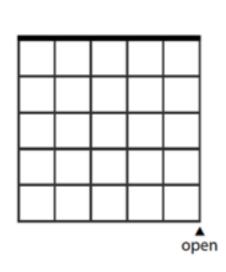


## SING & PLAY RIGHT AWAY!



## NOTE READING IS EASY

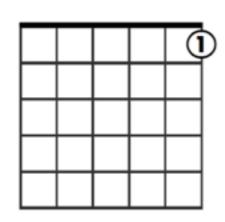
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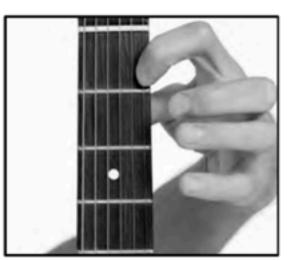




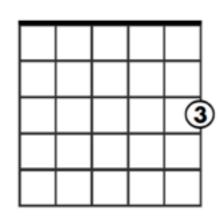
F 1st fret 1st finger



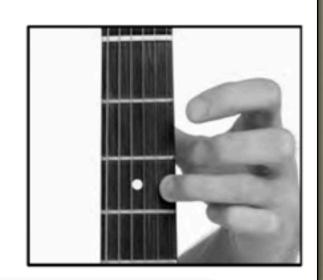




G 3rd fret 3rd finger



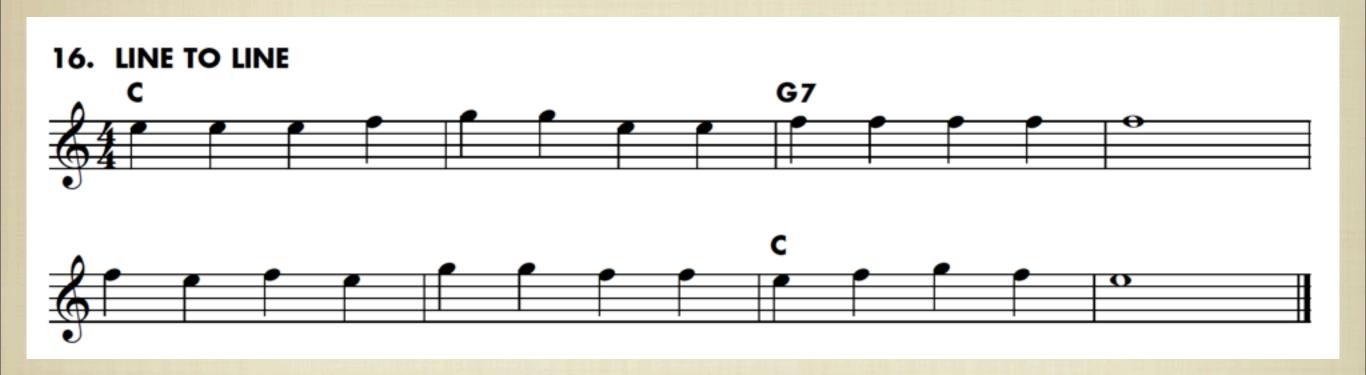




### NOTE VALUES

**Downstroke** This sign tells you to strike the string or strings with a downward motion of the pick or thumb. 10. WHOLE NOTES Hold down 1st finger -Count 1 11. HALF NOTES 12. QUARTER NOTES

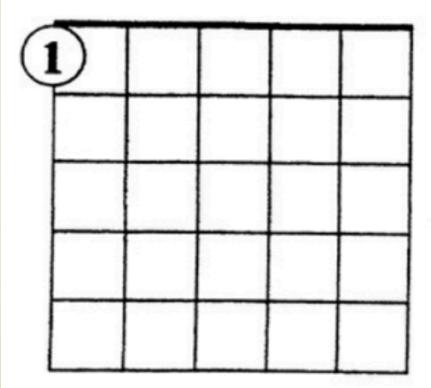
## THE FIRST "ENSEMBLE"



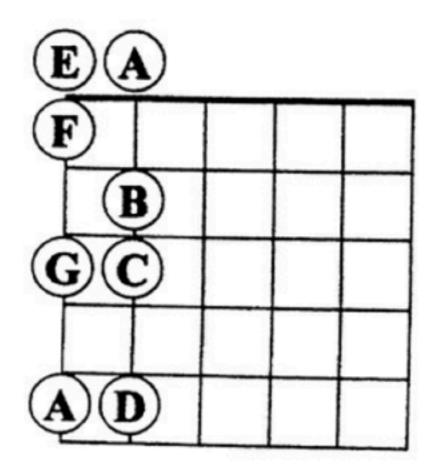
### Creating a "simple bass" part from Chord Symbols

- Teach bass strings (fret numbers & letter names) using the 1<sup>st</sup> finger
- Place the 1<sup>st</sup> finger on the bass/root note of each chord in the tune
- Choose a specific rhythm for the bass part
- Play bass with any tune that has chord symbols written above the staff
- Create your own 3-part ensembles—Chords, Melody, and Bass

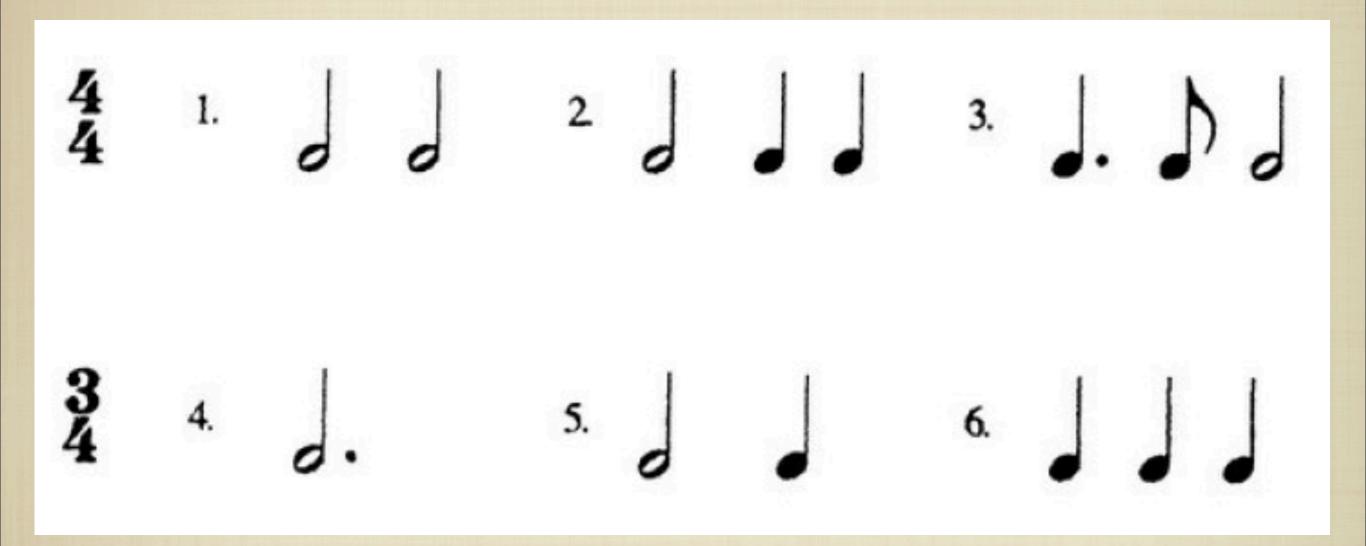
### Finding the 1st Finger Position



### Natural notes on strings 5 & 6



### SUGGESTED BASS RHYTHMS



#### STRUM BUILDER 5

#### **Syncopation**

An off-beat rhythm, or the accenting of notes that fall on the "&" between counts.

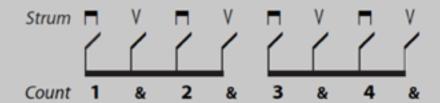
#### Syncopated Strum

Practice the syncopated strum patterns below as a variation on the down-up stroke.

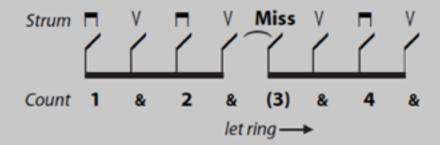
#### Tips

- Establish the down-up stroke pattern until you can do it without thinking.
- Continue this down-up action throughout the syncopated strum patterns, but "miss" the strings where you see the word "miss." Be sure to keep your arm moving just like the basic down-up strum.
- This will result in the desired rhythms and will allow you to easily shift back and forth from one strum pattern to another.

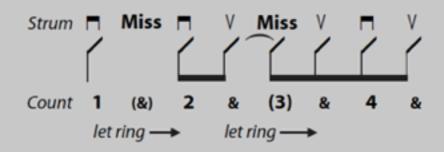
#### **Basic Down-Up Strum**



### Syncopated Strum 1

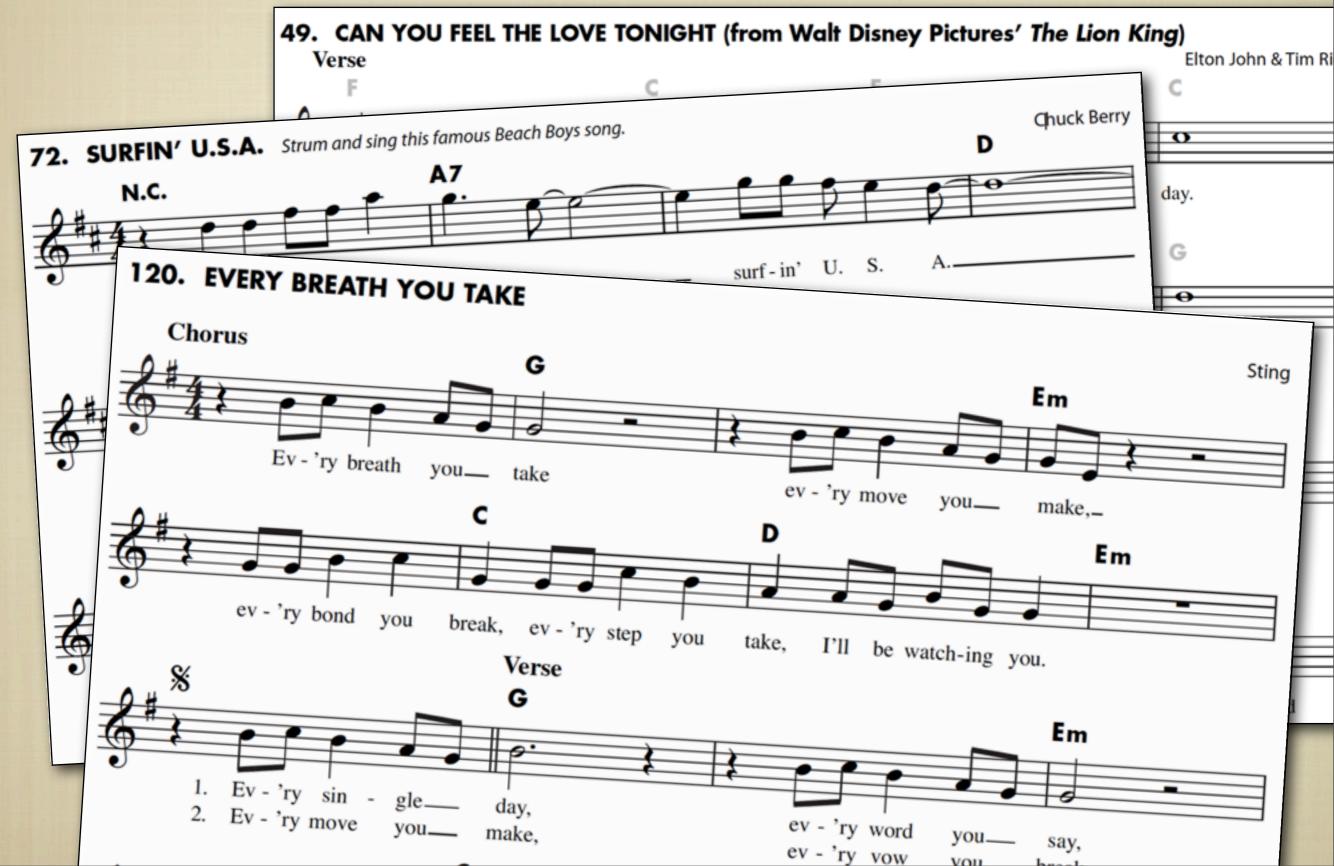


### Syncopated Strum 2





## GREAT TUNES!



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## THE CAPO

- INSTANT
  TRANSPOSITION!
- DEVICE CLAMPS ON THE NECK OF THE GUITAR
- ALLOWS STUDENTS TO
  PLAY TUNES
  (CHORDS) IN KEYS
  THAT ARE BEYOND
  THEIR PLAYING
  ABILITY



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## SPECIAL THANKS







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