

SOUNDTM

INNOVATIONS

for **GUITAR**

A Revolutionary Method for Individual or Class Instruction

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How to Use This Book

This book contains 36 complete lesson plans directly correlated to *Sound Innovations for Guitar Book 1*.

For high school-age students we project that each lesson will take about a week to complete. Younger students may take longer. How much time is devoted to each lesson plan is at your discretion.

Each unit features goals, National Standards addressed, a full step-by-step lesson plan broken into multiple sections, observational assessments, suggested expansion material, additional advice, and guidance as to expected outcomes. The last lesson of each level is a review and formal assessment unit that is used to reinforce what's been covered and to assess student progress. These lessons should be used in conjunction with the DVD and MP3 examples. It is critical for students to listen closely to all the music examples before attempting to play them, and the videos provide excellent up-close technique demonstrations. Additional resources

such as free reproducible worksheets are available online and are cited throughout the lesson plans.

We assume that if you're teaching guitar, you have a background in music, however, we don't assume that you have a background in guitar. Different teachers will use the student and teacher editions in different ways, but this approach ensures that any school band director or classroom music teacher can provide a class with the foundation students need to pursue guitar at higher levels.

Finally, a note on the multimedia aspects of *Sound Innovations for Guitar*: this teacher edition does not come with the DVD and MP3 discs that are included in the student book. So we recommend that you have your own copy of the student book. Having both the student and teacher editions as you instruct the class, along with the media components, will ensure seamless application of the method as you lead students into the world of guitar.

How to Use the DVD Provided with the Student Book

For video components: When inserted into a DVD player, the DVD will function as a typical DVD. A chapter menu will open allowing you direct access to over 40 DVD chapters and special features. When inserted into the DVD-ROM drive of a computer, your DVD player software should open, allowing the disc to function as a standard DVD.

For the SI Player: It's recommended that you install the SI Player to your computer so you can use it without the disc. Once the SI Player is installed, you will be able to use all of its functions—it will access all the MP3 files and allow you to slow them down, loop them, and even change keys.

On a PC, close the DVD player and double click on the DVD-ROM drive, which will open to reveal multiple folders inside. Copy both the "SI Player" and "SoundInnovations-Guitar-MP3s" folders to your Desktop. Make sure

both folders end up in the same location. From there you can open the "SI_Player_For_Guitar.exe" file to run the SI Player.

On a Mac, close the DVD player and double click on the DVD-ROM drive. Open the "SI Player" folder and double-click the "SI Player for Guitar" install package. The installer will prompt you through the rest of the process.

For the audio components: Double click on the DVD-ROM drive. The "SoundInnovations-Guitar-MP3s" folder contains all the MP3 files. You can either play the MP3s directly from there or drag them into your music player, such as iTunes.



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