

# ***Beyond the Pick: Intro to Fingerstyle***

One way to increase versatility on the guitar is to employ right hand fingers (free stroke). In this mini course, students will learn proper free stroke with the thumb and fingers in order to play arpeggios and various accompaniment patterns. This is a hands-on, interactive course where students play their guitar throughout!

## ***How much is the course?***

The course is free for all students.

## ***Where does the course meet?***

Your classroom/school.

## ***What is included in the course?***

Instruction and handouts. Students must bring their own guitar, pencil and music stand.

## ***Are there any prerequisites?***

Students must read notation, tablature, chord charts, and be able to find notes in first position- including accidentals. The minimum age is 12.

## ***Is there an enrollment limit?***

In order to provide individual attention, the course has a capacity of about 20 students.

## ***How long is the course?***

The course is 60-90 minutes (longer than 60 minutes recommended).

## ***How do I enroll?***

Enrollment is made by the teacher for his/her class. Please contact us to discuss details.

## ***How do I prepare my students for the class?***

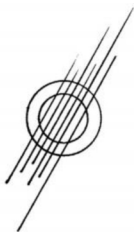
You can help prepare by reviewing their ability interpret chord charts to play chords in 1<sup>st</sup> position. Have students bring in a song that they want to learn but may have a question related to chords- I will use this in the class!

## ***What will the students learn?***

Students will learn an essential skill to advanced guitar playing- the free strike. This will enable them to execute smooth and flowing passages of music including arpeggios.

- Free stroke technique
- Free stroke exercises and arpeggios
- Thumb and chord accompaniment
- Application to common practice and songs

*NJGMS provides participating teachers with a Professional Development certificate for this course.*



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