

# USC STRING PROJECT FALL 2020 BEGINNING CLASSES

Fall beginning classes will take place virtually and will include one large group class per week and one small group "sectional" class per week to allow for small group instruction. Students will receive an introduction to the stringed instruments through music theory lessons, building their own "instruments," singing, and more. No instrument rental required at this time.

## WEEK 1

### Welcome and Introductions

- Teacher introductions
- Name games
- Technology Etiquette
- Introduction to the string family

## WEEK 2

### Instrument Geography

- Parts of the instrument and bow
- Clapping rhythms
- Singing patterns

## WEEK 3

### The Musical Alphabet

- String & Note Names

## WEEK 4

### Posture and the Left Hand

- Instrument handling
- Instrument posture

## WEEK 5

### Bowing Basics 101

- Bow hold
- Practice pulling a bow

## WEEK 6

### Bowing Basics 102

- Pulling a bow to rhythm

## WEEK 7

### Rhythm Reading

- Whole and half notes
- Writing rhythms on a staff

## WEEK 8

### Raising the BARlines

- What's a "barline?"
- Time signatures

## WEEK 9

### Connecting the Dots

- Dotted half notes
- Beat and tempo

## WEEK 10

### Snack Party!

- Review Games
- One-on-one check-ins with teachers

## WEEK 11

### Instrument Show and Tell

- Household instrument performances

