## **BEGINNER COURSE**

## TUNING THE GUITAR

Even though you may have the best technique in the world the guitar won't sound right if it isn't properly tuned. The right tuning provides consequently the best resonance for all notes and chords we may play in a piece of music. The better is the tuning, the longer the notes will ring and bond together.

It isn't a complicated process to do but it does need some practice, specially if you do by ear. On this lesson, I suggest you start with a digital tuner due to its simplicity and practicality.

## **Tuning the Strings**

As referred on the video, Soundcorset (free app: <u>https://soundcorset.com/</u>) is one of the several apps available to tune digitally your guitar. It basically determines the frequency of the note played and displays it with a needle moving left or right according to the tension of the string:



If the needle is situated on the left side it means the E string is too low. In this case we need to tighten the string.



The needle is centered, a check sign is displayed and the screen turns green – it means you're good to go!



On this case the string is too high so you need to adjust the tuning by loosening the tension of the string.



It is quite simple: you just need to repeat this process with all strings and make sure you are tuning the right note:

- 6<sup>th</sup> string: E
- 5<sup>th</sup> string: A
- 4<sup>th</sup> string: D
- 3<sup>rd</sup> string: G
- 2<sup>nd</sup> string: B
- 1<sup>st</sup> string: E

## Caution:

- It might happen that you play the 5<sup>th</sup> string, for instance, and the tuner displays a G. In this situation your note is way too low:

The scale is: A B C D E F <mark>G A</mark> B ....

You'll need to tune the string up to A and that means you should see G G# A on the screen as you twist the guitar tuner.



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