

# You Can Add Mariachi Into Your Program!

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## Top 10 Tips

1. Listen to Mariachi Sol de México and other famous mariachi
2. Read the “Foundations of Mariachi Education - Volume 1” by William Gradante
3. Attend the National Mariachi Workshop for Educators - Music Education Consultants
  - Summer Workshop (Graduate credits available) / Clinics and PD at your school!
4. Attend a Mariachi Festival of Student Performers
  - The Mariachi Spectacular de Albuquerque
  - Metropolitan State University’s Viva Southwest Mariachi Festival
5. You can start your ensemble without having all of the instruments! - West Music is a great next step!
6. Find mentors and your support team - They will also find you!
7. Teach homogeneously, if at all possible, especially for beginning levels.
  - Melodia: Violin and Trumpet
  - Armonia: Guitar, Vihuela, Guitarrón, Harp
  - Vocals: Together and as individual coachings
8. Teach transposition rather than rearranging everything (#studentlearning #yoursanity)
9. Arrange songs with your students
10. Add outfit items as you go along - Start with black pants with a white or black shirt - Add pieces as you go along
  - Mariachi Connection is a good possible next step

## Recommended Method Books

Resources Provided at National Mariachi Workshop for Educators

Simplemente Mariachi, Marcia Neel & Francisco Grijalva

- Use as a supplement to your favorite instrumental method books

Mariachi Armonia Method Book, Noé Sánchez (10/10 - Highly Recommended!)

- For Guitar, Vihuela, Guitarrón

## Recommended Sheet Music

Arrangements from the National Mariachi Workshop for Educators (Beginning-Advanced)

Canta, Mariachi, Canta!, Jose Hernandez (Elementary Music Class / Arranging Projects)

Hal Leonard Mariachi Series (Various Songs, Beginning-Advanced)

Mariachi Mastery Series (Intermediate-Advancing Level)

Mariachi Mastery Songbook (Beginning-Intermediate)

Mariachi Philharmonic (Intermediate Level)

**The fact that you are working to explore this music is the first wonderful step!**

**You can do it!**