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## Abstract

This study is being conducted to find out the teaching methods that the selected classical guitar teachers in UiTM, Faculty of Music use to teach beginner classical guitar students and how they conduct classical guitar classes with beginner classical students. The respondents for this study are 3 selected classical guitar teachers in UiTM that are currently teaching in UiTM, Faculty of Music and other music schools. The overall results of the study will show that all the respondents are using many teaching method books from various publishers and also their own method and approach to teach beginners. A brief explanation on conducting classical guitar class also will be done by the respondents that will cover from the early session with the students to the important aspect in teaching various backgrounds of different students such as teaching style.

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## CHAPTER I

### 1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Guitar class has become popular worldwide as the development of guitar music increase. In 1970s, the guitar classes were known as an alternative to band, choir, and orchestra and by 1973, it become synonymous with the music teacher's adaptation to changing times<sup>1</sup>. In Malaysia, the guitar has developed widely together with the development of the likes of classical music.

In guitar class, students can learn more and not only lessons that been taught in method books but also music for accompaniment such as playing guitar and sing along. Because guitar is a solo instrument, students can play either a single melody line or chords strumming as in music accompaniment and finger style playing as well. The guitar has become an attraction to students who are not drawn to the traditional performing ensemble for example choir and orchestra because it would incorporate folk and popular music styles and make music education more relevant and interesting<sup>2</sup>.

According to Bartel<sup>3</sup>, the guitar classes have great potential for music education. Classical guitar is a light instrument that anyone can carry and fit with different surrounding whether indoor or outdoor. Not like piano or drum and any other heavier and loud instruments, students can bring the classical guitar anywhere and practice whenever they like. This can be an advantage for the classical guitar students because classical guitar classes can give more opportunities for the learners to improve in their music learning.

Gustafson said that the guitar has become a part of the school's identity and it is unifying agent among the students. He also said that class guitar serves as an introduction to

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<sup>1</sup> Bartel L. R. (1990). Guitar class: A multifaceted approach. *Music Educators Journal*, 77(2), 40-45

<sup>2</sup> Daniels, R. D. (1993). Starting a guitar class. *Teaching Music*, 1(3), 36-37

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