
Louisiana Guitar Teacher Publishes Beginner Method That Skips the Six Month Struggle

CaseyRay Shaw teaches complete beginnerstoplay electriclead guitarusingtheNashvilleNumbering System, the same numbers used by session players and worship bands.

LIVINGSTON, La. Guitar teacher and author Casey Ray Shaw has released Thadeus Beginning Electric Lead Guitar Featuring the Nashville Numbering System, a 128 page instruction book that teaches a complete beginner to play electric lead guitar using numbers instead of letter names. The method replaces the slow open chord start found in most beginner books with the Nashville Numbering System, a numbers based approach that lets a new player perform in every major key without memorizing twelve different scales.

Most beginner guitar books open with five chords that can take six months just to switch between cleanly. Shaw takes a different path. Students learn the A major scale in all five positions on the fretboard, the chords that belong to each position, the arpeggios for those chords, and the 3rd and 6th harmonies that turn a scale into real lead playing. By the end of the book a reader can play in every major key on the guitar.

The Nashville Numbering System replaces letter names with the numbers 1 through 7. Worship bands, country bands, and Nashville session players have used it for decades because it is faster to read, faster to transpose, and easier to teach. Shaw has used it on stage every week for the last five years with his band in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

“It took me six months just to switch between five chords when I was learning. I did not want my grandson to fight through that, so I started him on the numbers instead. He was playing real lead guitar in weeks. That is the shortcut I wish I had, and it is why I wrote this book.”

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BOOK AT A GLANCE

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Thadeus Beginning Electric Lead Guitar Featuring the Nashville Numbering System began as weekly lesson notes Casey Ray Shaw wrote for his grandson and grew into a 128 page beginner course any reader can follow on their own.
