

# Welcome to the new era of the banjo: everybody's invited!

We have entered a new era, when the magic of the banjo is attracting more players than ever before. Regardless of age, musical influences, experience or ability.

The banjo isn't restricted anymore to Bluegrass, or to Old-Time, or folk or country. Now the banjo has a growing role in every kind of music, and more and more people are enjoying its unique voice.

It doesn't matter whether you want to play like the late great **Earl Scruggs**, **Bela Fleck** or **Steve Martin**, or to sound like **Mumford & Sons**, **Abigail Washburn**, or anybody else. It doesn't matter if you're 15, 25, 55 or 85! It doesn't matter if you want to play alone or with friends, or in sessions, or to form a band. There are no rules and no restrictions.

## What matters is you want to play the banjo

The banjo is easy to begin and very forgiving of learners' early fumbblings. It's fulfilling from the first time you play it, and thrillingly satisfying as you become more accomplished. What we have here is a movement: a movement of people of all ages and backgrounds who are falling in love with the banjo and tearing down all the old prejudices, stereotypes and silly myths. The banjo is for everyone, and it seems that everyone is catching on!

Banjos Direct is proud to be part of this worldwide musical movement: it's a life enhancing thing to be.



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