

Learn a Tune By Ear or By the Dots

7 LESSONS · ALL LEVELS

Welcome to Learn a Tune By Ear or By the Dots. I teach you both ways to learn a tune so you're never stuck when the sheet music — or your ear — lets you down.

- ☐ **01 How to Learn a New Tune the Right Way**
I start with the right way to approach any new tune, before we split into the two methods.
October 7, 2024 · 1h 0m · Learning Tunes

- ☐ **02 Understanding Bagpipe Music: The Complete Guide to Every Tune Type & Time Signature by Jori Chisholm**
Now I make sure you understand tune types and time signatures, since both methods depend on this.
November 30, 2023 · 37m · Learning Tunes

- ☐ **03 Understanding Tune Types: Marches, Strathspeys, Reels & More**
I reinforce that with a closer look at marches, strathspeys, reels, and more.
July 24, 2023 · 36m · Learning Tunes

- ☐ **04 Understanding Repeats: How to Read, Understand, and Play the Repeats in Your Bagpipe Tunes**
I clear up how repeats work, since misreading them trips up even players who read music well.
January 16, 2024 · 22m · Learning Tunes

- ☐ **05 Learn and Master Sight Reading**
I build your sight-reading here, so you can learn straight from the page with confidence.
April 18, 2023 · 58m · Learning Tunes

- ☐ **06 The Art of Playing By Ear: How to Learn Tunes Without Sheet Music**
I flip to the other method here and show you how to learn a tune with no sheet music at all.
March 3, 2026 · 1h 2m · Learning Tunes

- ☐ **07 Fixing the Death Grip, Tuning Bagpipes by Ear, Playing with the Piper's Metronome — Live Bagpipe Q&A**
I close with a live session that puts both skills to work alongside your metronome.
June 1, 2024 · 41m · Tone & Tuning