

The "Ionian Tuning" DAA

"Ionian" is the name of the diatonic major scale with which most listeners are the most familiar. It can be played on any of the dulcimer's strings. Sing "do-re-mi" etc. as you play each scale. On the first string (nearest the player) press index finger of left hand firmly against the fretboard.

Below is thye D-scale as it should be played on each string when the dulcimer is tuned to

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do re mi fa so la ti do

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3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

D E F# G A B C# D

Using the same left hand technique, Play the scale on the middle string.

3 do re mi fa so la ti do

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

D E F# G A B C# D

Now play the scale on the bass string.

5 Do re me fa so la ti do

0 1 2 3 4 5 6+ 7

D E F# G A B C# D