

# Demystifying Your Strings (or String-Making 101)

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Ever wonder exactly how a musical instrument string is made? What's the difference between steel core, synthetic core, and gut? Why do your strings go false, and how often should you REALLY change them? Answers to these questions and many more provided by D'Addario's Orchestral String Product Management team, will help you become a more educated string purchaser, player, and teacher.

As the largest musical instrument string manufacturer in the world with over 100 years of string-making experience in America, D'Addario & Co. has created a presentation that attempts to demystify the strings on our instruments. By detailing the steps and components of what makes a string work, we hope that everyone will gain more understanding of what suits their instrument, playing style, and level. We'll discuss everything that goes into making and playing on a string, including materials, maintenance, longevity, rosin, and everything in between.

This is also an informative session for all educators, not just string players! The clinic will demonstrate the following topics, followed by a Q&A session:

- History of string-making
- Anatomy of a string – What's inside and outside, and why does it matter?
  - Tension and gauge – what does it all mean?
- How to care for your strings – maintenance, how to properly change them and maintain longevity.



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