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Mills Brothers Guitars Website

Mills Brothers Guitars is a website designed to explain the history of the guitar and showcase my custom-made electric guitar. It describes a basic electric guitar and how it works on the main “Home” page and shows a guitar that I restored, customized, and finished. My social media page that shows music made on this guitar is also linked in several places. It briefly summarizes the historical transition from the lute to the acoustic guitar, followed by the electric guitar in the latter 20th century in the second page titled “History.” Then, the website continues on the “Pop-Culture” page where it describes the growing popularity of the instrument in music and lists popular artists who have been influential with it.

This website is directed towards those who may have an interest in the guitar but have not had the opportunity to learn much about it, its origins, and cultural impact. It is to inform anyone who is not familiar with the instrument of some of the history and societal influence that it has had over the last century in particular. Someone musically inclined curious might learn something from the information on this website and may be inclined to pick up the electric guitar and listen to the art that has been and can be made through this unique tool. The URL to my website if listed below:

<https://lsmills24.github.io/WebFundamentals/personal_website/index.html>

With this website, my hope is to encourage the next generation to learn, be curious about, and pick up the electric guitar. I would love to be the mediator through which someone is able to find or rediscover a passion for music and the instrument itself. I hope to be able to help one express themselves as I have grown to do myself through the melodies and harmonies contained in the simple yet complex world of guitar.

I came up with the concept for my website through my passion for music and electric guitars in particular. I wanted to share my knowledge of the instrument as well as my experience and passion for playing. By adding my social media page, it opens the door for others to discover my musical journey and find inspiration within it. I designed it to be mostly informative to drive the reader’s curiosity. It is laid out in a simple and pleasing way that is not too distracting or overbearing while using a simple, earthy color palette that is aesthetically appealing. At first, my header image of a guitar was going to be part of the scrolling portion that would move upwards as the user scrolled down. I then did some research and reworked the entire header to make the main guitar a static image that the translucent header line would scroll over. This was the largest change that my website went through in the main design process.

I learned quite a few things from completing this project. I gained an understanding of HTML and the basics of CSS languages as well as how each individually and collectively can manipulate and mold a webpage. These skills will help me in the future as I continue my education in the web design and programming field. They will eventually be used in a career in a similar line of work in which I hope to become a freelance or contracted web designer. These skills will be crucial to my success in each of these and I have come to enjoy the work in the process.