

PASSACAGLIA

with a *G(r)EE(n) Soundscape*

Project for prepared improvisation for any suitable instruments

(A kit to build it)

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John Cage *Composition in Retrospect* (1982)
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Preface

This is a work in progress – for me and for anyone else who wants to participate.
So up to now some chapters of my work are missing :

2.4. Suggestions for the use of RHYTHMS and
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More suitable ideas for this *Passacaglia* are welcome.

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Preliminary remarks

With this musical games for this *Passacaglia* is given material for a realization .

They can be played by any suitable instrument and should be arranged in different ways for soloists, Duos, Trios ... or an orchestra.

At least the realization of this music results as a prepared improvisation.

In my offers you find some (more or less) prepared UNITS (as possible parts of the form) and cues for working out.

The form results from any prepared assembly of several UNITS.

In the UNITS for orchestra various parts can be played tutti, others in groups of wind, brass or string or mixed instruments, linked with solo-UNITS (accompanied or not).

The tempo is defined by dotted half notes felt as a very slow pulsation.

Its measure should be between MM. 32 - 44.

So the duration of the UNITS may be slightly different.

In some situations, the music may be – more or less – „out of timing“ (like a *recitative* or as an extreme case : as a chaotic situation)

A realization of this *Passacaglia* may be shorter or long(er).

(Duration of a very short version : ca. 3 minutes) .

Example for a possible form :

SOLO (ground) – DUO (ground with theme) – TRIO (ground + theme + scale) –
TUTTI (At first I have given a CHORD sequence (see 2.1.) – Then succeed some UNITS with rhythmic development : + ¼ notes + 1/8 notes + triplets) – DUO (or Trio : Piano + one or two other instruments)
– QUINTET (e.g. : chromatic UNIT, 3.4.) – TUTTI (Chords : for example see 2.1.) –
SOLO (broken chords) – TUTTI (e.g. : see 2.7.) – TUTTI+SOLO (TUTTI or QUARTET)
(for example : all strings + solo instrument) – Last variation : *Canon* (5.1. TUTTI)

Because this music needs some preparation note the given exercises for homework :

Each player of this music should be able to play variations with the given scale and with some of the given chords (see 1.2. / 3.1.) . Please play at home the complete CHORD - melodies (respectively : all her four voices, see 2.1.) as well as the first version of the CANON for all players or eventually the second or third (see 2.5.)

(Proposal : the second CANON (*in a mirror*) is a project only for strings).

If you are a pianist choose one or more of the CHORD-UNITS (from 2.1.) and vary it . (see 4.1.)

All given UNITS are basic models for further variation.

This project may have connection to a very old (but always current and still flexible) european cultural and musical tradition of thinking and practising music. For this I have tried to use the principle of *delectare, docere, movere* (to teach, to delight, to move).

I hope that my project offers some suggestions to think musically in another way than is usually done today (and perhaps: stimulating to discover further properties of sounds given by the nature).

The games should be used from the simplest to more and more complex events.

(They may be a stimulation to find out your own way to think out music with any (unusual) scales).

1.1. Explanation of the basic material of this Passacaglia

1. Theme (extracted tone-letters from "GrEEen music")

(This theme evokes a music related to the C-major triad with Eb as a chromatic element, like a blues triad) *

chroma

variant: diatonic "neighbor-tone"

C-major with diatonic "neighbors"

diatonic scale downstairs (hexachord)

similar: the diatonic scale upstairs

chroma

the combination of this two hexachords gives the scale of Passacaglia (a diatonic-chromatic scale)

chroma

2. GROUND The ground is a variant of baroque models:

my variant:

(* "S" as german letter: "Es" = Eb)

1.2. EXERCISES : Basic scale for the Passacaglia

A musical staff in treble clef showing a scale starting on G4. The notes are G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G. Brackets indicate intervals: a 'third' between G and B, and a 'fourth' between C and F. The instruction 'play backwards too' is written to the right.

The same scale with \sharp

A musical staff in treble clef showing the same scale as above but with a sharp sign (\sharp) at the beginning, indicating a key signature change to one sharp (F#).

Triads (major) filtered

A musical staff in treble clef showing triads (major) filtered. The notes are G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G. Brackets indicate the triads: G-A-B, A-B-C, B-C-D, C-D-E, D-E-F, E-F-G.

Interval exercises (examples)

for two players:

Two musical staves in treble clef. The top staff shows a scale starting on G4, moving upwards. The bottom staff shows the same scale starting on G4, moving downwards. The instruction 'play slowly' is written to the left, and 'backwards' is written to the right.

Do similar with

A musical staff in treble clef showing a similar interval exercise to the previous one, with notes G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

A musical staff in treble clef showing a similar interval exercise to the previous one, with notes G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

Play meandering (using the scale) (example)

A musical staff in treble clef showing a meandering scale exercise. The notes are G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

(ind. measure)

A musical staff in treble clef showing individual measures of the scale exercise. The notes are G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G. The instruction 'p.' is written below each measure.

(Exercises)

SCALE-
Exercises

1.2. More Exercises

1.

a) (thirds)

b) jumping thirds

c) jumping fourths (fifths) (Tritoni, fourths)

d) jumping fifths

(fis - cis)
fis cis

e) jumping sixths

←

f) third - fourth sequences

←

g) fourth - fifth sequences

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h) fifth - sixth sequence

←

(1.2.) Exercises with triads

Triads with major or minor thirds, formed from the tones of the scale:

Scale

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8, chroma

Exercise (1.) Play each chord (triad) as broken chord (octave transpos too)

example [3 a)]

← backwards

(2.) third jumping

example (5.)

(3.) jumping with three tones (of a triad)

(4.) changing the triads:

1.2. (more exercises)

Exercises with triads

Scale

1. min. 2. maj. 3. min. 4. maj. 5. min. 6. $G_b = F_{is}\#$ 7. a) b) 8. a) b)

dimin. dimin. maj. dimin. maj.

1a)

b) (b) with "e"

2.

3a)

b) (b) with $\bar{b}g$

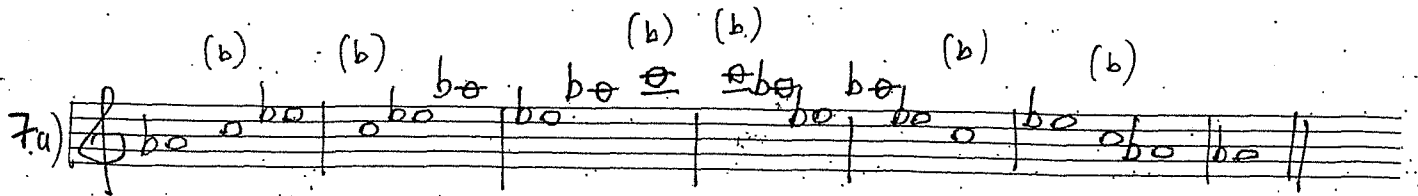
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b) (q) (q) (q) (q) (q) (q)

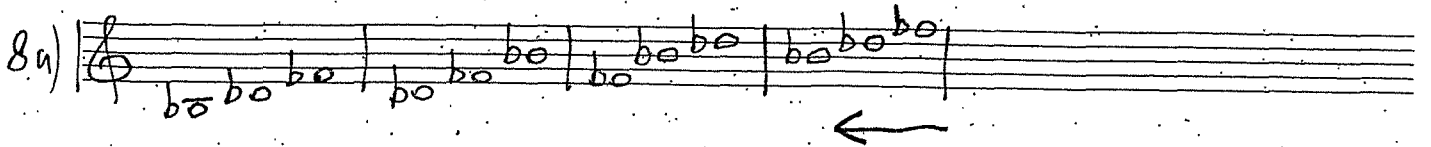
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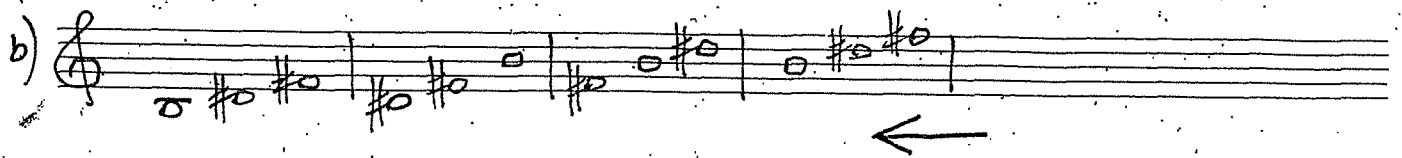
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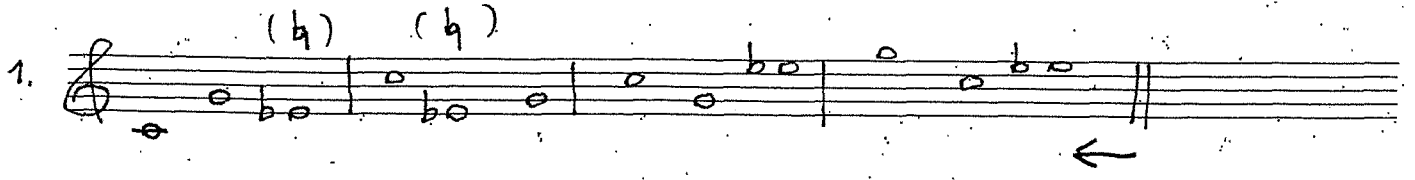
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b) (with c_b)

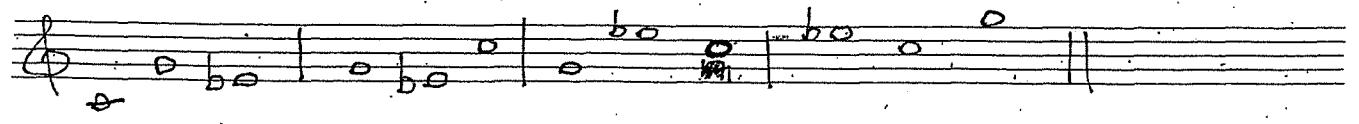
8a) 

b) 

All exercises (1. - 8.) zigzag

1. 

or



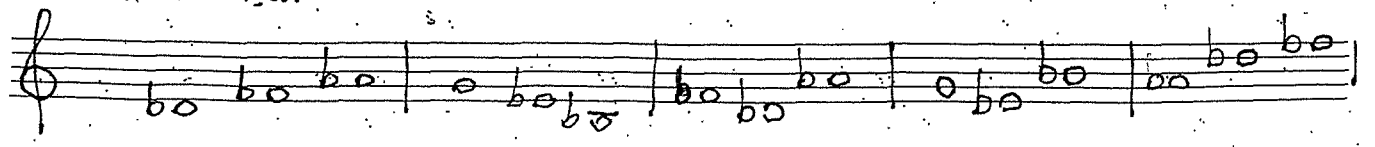
and similar the others (2. - 8.)

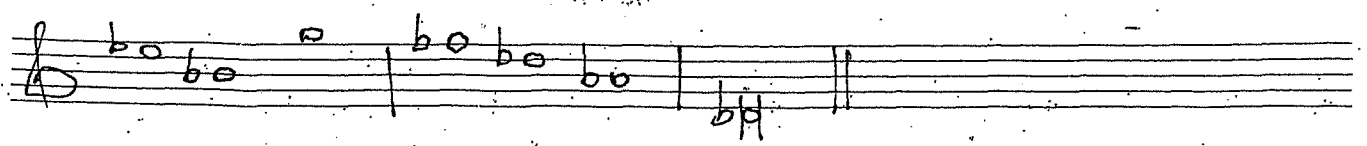
or combinations of chords, e.g.: 4b) + 7a)

[4b)] [7a]



2. + 3a.





1.3. Definition of THEME, GROUND, UNIT and SEQUENCE

1. **1. UNIT**

GROUND

1. Section 2. Section

2. **2. UNIT**

THEME THEME (1. Variation)

Further UNITS are subject of the rehearsals in Ratingen.

In order to be able to play further UNITS, it is necessary to do the following exercises at home

They can be found in the basic scale;

Basic scale to connect the intervals of this beginning:

(optional: further transposed versions ...)

SEQUENCE: Number of linked UNITS

1. 4. Some remarks about rhythms in relation to the form of a composition

Handwritten musical score for 'THEME' and 'GROUND' in 12/4 time. The 'THEME' staff shows a sequence of notes with a bracket above indicating a 1:2:3 subdivision. The 'GROUND' staff shows a sequence of notes with a bracket above indicating a 3:1 subdivision and a box below containing '2 d. + 4 d. + 3 d.'. Below the 'GROUND' staff, there is a calculation: (6 d.) + (2 d.) = 8 d.

At first something about the rhythmical elements of GROUND and THEME of this *Passacaglia*.

A possible subdivision of the GROUND (= 1 UNIT) gives an asymmetrical formal relation. After an equal temporal measure (six dotted half-notes) follows a rhythmical division.

So we may perceive a formal division of the UNIT as a proportion of 3 : 1 : 4 (8 dotted half-notes) divided in 6 (dotted half-notes) + 3 notes of unequal duration, given in the duration of 2 dotted half-notes = 6 : 2 : 8 [The relation of numbers 1 : 3 : 4 is the beginning of a mathematical series of growing numbers, a variant of the Fibonacci-serie : 1 - 3 - 4 - 7 - 11 - 18 ...]

The subdivision of the last two half-notes gives similar : 1 half note + 1 quarter note + 1 dotted half-note = 2 : 1 : 3 (quarters). (This may be the beginning of the Fibonacci-serie 1 - 2 - 3 - 5 - 8 - 13 ...)

The rhythm of the THEME may be perceived as similar too. After 2 equal half-dotted notes follows a subdivision, the growing rhythm 1 + 2 + 3 (quarters) is a comparison of an equal rhythm with its inequal division (1 : 2 : 3).

But why am I counting this ?

In German we say „ Ich erzähle etwas“ (in this sense is „I tell something“, comparable to „ I count“).

In the music of european tradition factually we hear sounds in spaces of time – given as sequences of tone- intervals in (more or less) precisely defined periods of time.

Nothing else happens. No further agreements are possible.

On the other side : In our personal perceptions there are still some other possible methods and habits to hear music ... The tones of this music tell something about their relationships – no more and no less.

However, for a composer of music may be a given (simple) relationship of numbers a good reason to shape the times for his whole composition in different defined orders.

In the case of this *Passacaglia* the rhythms given at first (in a relation to the 12/4 measure) may be a reason to do similar further procedures : Variations of rhythmic cells, changing of the measure, asynchronic timings, any comparable subdivisions of the whole form ... (See 2.4. : some proposals for rhythms)

If a composer perceived music as a kind of sounding mathematic, he will treat their rhythms carefully (from its smallest to the largest rhythmic element). J. S. Bach did it, to the delight of the listeners of his music.

As soon as we have worked out a sufficient number of UNITS, in the rehearsals for this *Passacaglia*, the work out becomes once again a project of musical thinking :

What's the best way to make audible development(s) of this music (using linked UNITS) ?

Where is the time for a culmination point ?

How does the whole thing relate to its parts ?

Certainly this may be a mathematical question, too. (Percussionists practice the math of music again and again ...) But who wants to question the music itself ? :

What are you in fact ? What's about your sounding math ? How does it help you ? ...

2. WORKSHOP FOR ORCHESTRA: ORCHESTRAL GAMES

2. 1. Some CHORD-UNITS

as orchestral games or for an accompaniment of a solo

a) for orchestra or quartet

b) for piano

2. 2. HETEROPHONY (ornamented voices of the chords)

2. 3 . Variations with BROKEN CHORDS (and scales)

2. 4. Suggestions for the use of rhythms

2. 5 . *Presence – Past – Future* : Three CANONS

2.6. *Crossing Paths ...*

2.7. *Flowers, Leaves Trees ..*

2.1. Some remarks concerning the use of CHORD-UNITS

The following CHORD-UNITS (2.1.) are models for a different use :

2.1. a) Some melodic counterpoints for orchestral voices or soloists.

The melodies are given in four-part scores (staves 1,2,3,4).

Each instrumentalist play all the four staves in a sequence fixed before (1-2-3-4, or 4-3-2-1, or 2-3-4-1)

At first the given four-part scores **should be realized as canons** (for two, three or for voices).

So it is useful if each instrumentalist (who plays a melodic instrument) is able to play this melodies. (They are melodic *etudes* to perceive the „soundscape“ of the scale).

2.1. b) Orchestral accompaniments for soloists

The given orchestral UNITS are useful as

- **TUTTI** (with or without solistic voices)
- or as a **QUARTET** of **string-**, **brass-**, or **woodwind-players** (mixed too)
- Soloists can use the given voice as frame for **figurations**.

2.1. c) Piano (Harp, Guitar, Marimba ...) as orchestral or solistic instruments

For this are given variable scores for **percussionists or piano- players** or similar string instruments (like **harp, guitar** ...) which are (mostly) the same as given in 2 b).

In this case the function may be like a *basso continuo* accompaniment (playing the chords *arpeggio* or not). The given UNITS are basics for solistic improvisation playing *arpeggios* or *figurations*.

2.1. a) CHORD(-UNITS) as four-part counterpoint (Canons)
(for orchestral or solistical use)

Play all this UNITS [1] - [11] as melodies.

Follow the staves 1 - 2 - 3 - 4!

2.1. [1]

2.1. [2]

2.1. [3]

Handwritten musical score for 2.1. [3]. The score consists of four staves, each starting with a treble clef and a 12/4 time signature. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a whole note chord (F2, A2, C3, E3). The second staff features a series of eighth notes with beamed pairs and some triplets. The third and fourth staves continue the melodic and harmonic development with various note values and beaming. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord.

2.1. [4]

Handwritten musical score for 2.1. [4]. The score consists of four staves, each starting with a treble clef and a 12/4 time signature. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a whole note chord (F2, A2, C3, E3). The second staff features a series of eighth notes with beamed pairs and some triplets. The third and fourth staves continue the melodic and harmonic development with various note values and beaming. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord.

2.1. [5]

Handwritten musical score for 2.1. [5]. The score is written on four staves in treble clef, 12/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 12/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The music consists of four measures. The first measure contains a half note Bb and a dotted half note Bb. The second measure contains a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Bb, and a dotted half note Bb. The third measure contains a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Bb, and a dotted half note Bb. The fourth measure contains a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Bb, and a dotted half note Bb. The score includes various musical notations such as stems, beams, and slurs.

2.1. [6]

Handwritten musical score for 2.1. [6]. The score is written on four staves in treble clef, 12/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 12/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The music consists of four measures. The first measure contains a half note Bb and a dotted half note Bb. The second measure contains a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Bb, and a dotted half note Bb. The third measure contains a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Bb, and a dotted half note Bb. The fourth measure contains a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Bb, and a dotted half note Bb. The score includes various musical notations such as stems, beams, and slurs.

2.1.[7]

Handwritten musical score for 2.1.[7] consisting of four staves. The first staff is in 12/4 time and begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The music features a sequence of notes with various accidentals (sharps, flats, naturals) and rests, with some notes beamed together. The second staff continues the melodic line with similar notation. The third and fourth staves provide harmonic accompaniment with chords and individual notes, including some dynamic markings like accents (>) and slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2.1.[8]

Handwritten musical score for 2.1.[8] consisting of four staves. The first staff is in 12/4 time and begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The music features a sequence of notes with various accidentals (sharps, flats, naturals) and rests, with some notes beamed together. The second staff continues the melodic line with similar notation. The third and fourth staves provide harmonic accompaniment with chords and individual notes, including some dynamic markings like accents (>) and slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2.1.[9]

Handwritten musical score for exercise 2.1.[9]. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a '12' above the staff. The music is written in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score includes various rhythmic values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and phrasing slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2.1.[10]

Handwritten musical score for exercise 2.1.[10]. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a '12' above the staff. The music is written in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score includes various rhythmic values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and phrasing slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2. 1. b) CHORD UNITS for orchestral accompaniment (Particell)
(or for piano solo)

2. 1. [13]

Handwritten musical notation for chord unit [13]. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/4 time signature. It contains a sequence of chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line with notes and rests. The notation includes various accidentals and articulation marks.

2. 1. [14]

Handwritten musical notation for chord unit [14]. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/4 time signature. It contains a sequence of chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line with notes and rests. The notation includes various accidentals and articulation marks.

2. 1. [15]

Handwritten musical notation for chord unit [15]. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/4 time signature. It contains a sequence of chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line with notes and rests. The notation includes various accidentals and articulation marks.

2.1. [16]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [16]. The piece is in 12/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melodic line with various accidentals (sharps, flats, naturals) and a slur over the first four measures. The bass clef staff contains a bass line with fewer notes, including a sharp sign. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2.1. [17]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [17]. The piece is in 12/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melodic line with various accidentals and a slur over the last four measures. The bass clef staff contains a bass line with fewer notes, including a sharp sign. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2.1. [18]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [18]. The piece is in 12/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melodic line with various accidentals and a slur over the last four measures. The bass clef staff contains a bass line with fewer notes, including a sharp sign. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2.1. [19]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [19]. The piece is in 12/4 time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The notation includes various chords and melodic lines with accidentals and dynamics.

2.1. [20]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [20]. The piece is in 12/4 time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The notation includes various chords and melodic lines with accidentals and dynamics.

2.1. [21]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [21]. The piece is in 12/4 time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The notation includes various chords and melodic lines with accidentals and dynamics.

2.1. c) CHORD UNITS for piano

2.1. [25]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [25]. The piece is in 12/4 time, indicated by the '12' over the '4' in the treble clef. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The notation shows a sequence of chords across two measures. The first measure contains four chords, and the second measure contains four chords. Some notes are marked with accidentals (flats and sharps). There are some handwritten annotations, including lines connecting notes between the two staves and a circled '11' in the second measure of the treble staff.

2.1. [26]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [26]. The piece is in 12/4 time, indicated by the '12' over the '4' in the treble clef. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The notation shows a sequence of chords across two measures. The first measure contains four chords, and the second measure contains four chords. Some notes are marked with accidentals (flats and sharps). There are some handwritten annotations, including lines connecting notes between the two staves and a circled '11' in the second measure of the treble staff.

2.1. [27]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 2.1. [27]. The piece is in 12/4 time, indicated by the '12' over the '4' in the treble clef. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The notation shows a sequence of chords across two measures. The first measure contains four chords, and the second measure contains four chords. Some notes are marked with accidentals (flats and sharps). There are some handwritten annotations, including lines connecting notes between the two staves and a circled '11' in the second measure of the treble staff.

21. [28]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 21. [28]. The piece is in 12/4 time, indicated by the '12' over the '4' in the treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The notation consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melodic line with various notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

21. [29]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 21. [29]. The piece is in 12/4 time, indicated by the '12' over the '4' in the treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The notation consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melodic line with various notes and rests. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

21. [30]

Handwritten musical notation for exercise 21. [30]. The piece is in 12/4 time, indicated by the '12' over the '4' in the treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The notation consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melodic line with various notes and rests. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2. 2. HETEROPHONY

ornamented voice(s) of the given chords (2.1.)

Heterophony means : Some (or all) players use the same given melody but everyone use ornaments (or ornamental figures) in his own way, different from the others.

So each voice gets its own characteristics.

The ornaments really don't happen simultaneously. (But sometimes it may happen).
(for ornamentation see 3.1.)

Some variants of this game :

- only in one of the given voices are given heterophonic events
(use the examples in 2.1.)
- Heterophonics are wandering from voice to voice
(This happens in a period of one or two half-dotted notes)
- heterophonical chaos : such variants occur in all voices !

2.3. BROKEN CHORDS

with some chord UNITS to work out

The following examples can be used :

- a) as *canonic* UNITS for orchestra : (solistic) duos, trios, quartets (2.1. [1.-12.])
- b)) for accompaniment of a Solo (quartets of any similar instruments : brass, strings, woodwind, percussion, instruments with keys – or mixed) (2.1. (13.-18])
The String-Players or the Pianists (or similar instruments) play *arpeggiando* (wave-like , dropping, *pizzicato* ...). The other instrument do it similar or otherwise.
Further possibilities see 2.3. (Broken Chords).
- c) for 2 or more pianists simultaneous (x pianists play (broken) chords with the triads, one plays the ground (playing in octaves or not) [see 2.3. [1. - 10.]
- d) in combination with any players, which play scales in any way
(Use the whole scale or parts of it. Play meandering through the octaves
(Variant : a) use sometimes an interval-jump / b) use sometimes broken chords too)
- e) Arrange chord-sequences (related to the given scale and the ground) for your instrument yourself.
Do it similar to the examples in 2.1. Mix in this new tunes broken chords too (or not).

Some remarks for variants of playing :

- Each player plays scales or broken chords in different speed ,order of the tones and rhythms.
- All performers play in (a) defined rhythm(s)

2.3. EXAMPLES

Some examples for broken-chord-variations

a) (2.3.1.)

Handwritten musical notation for example a. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with a 12/4 time signature. It features a sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. There are slurs over the first four notes and the last four notes. The bottom staff shows three chords: G4 (triad), F4 (triad), and E4 (triad). A handwritten 'M' is at the end of the staff.

b) zigzag (2.3.4.)...

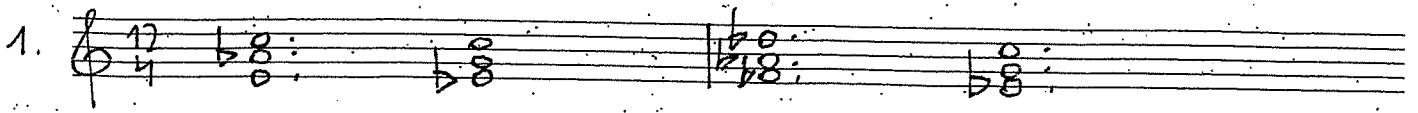
Handwritten musical notation for example b. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with a 12/4 time signature. It features a zigzag pattern of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bottom staff shows four chords: G4 (triad), F4 (triad), E4 (triad), and D4 (triad). A handwritten 'AM' is at the end of the staff.

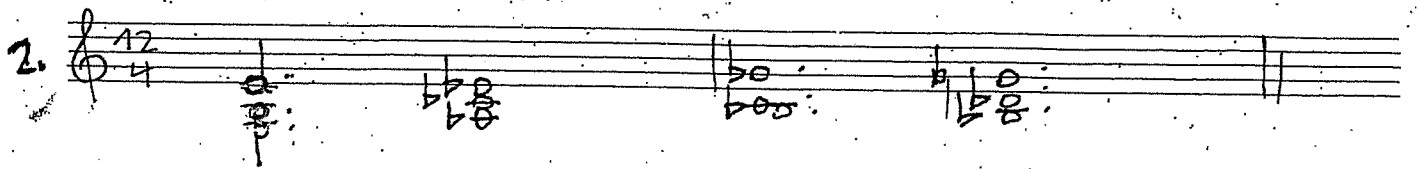
c) with rhythm (and additional scale-notes) (2.3.4.)

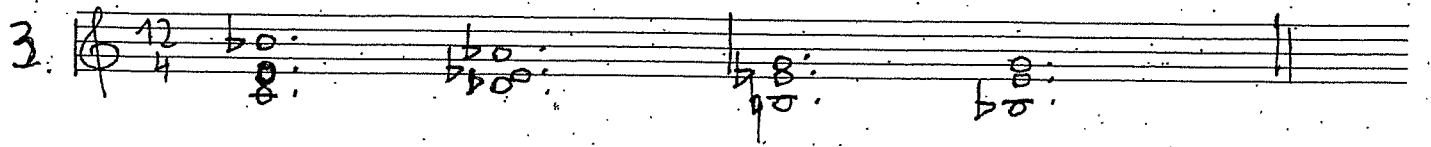
Handwritten musical notation for example c. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with a 12/4 time signature. It features a sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. There are slurs over the first three notes and the last three notes. The bottom staff shows three chords: G4 (triad), F4 (triad), and E4 (triad).

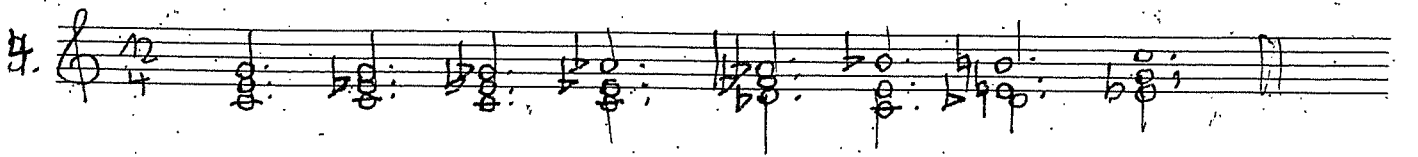
HARMONIC - SEQUENCES FOR
2.3. BROKEN CHORDS

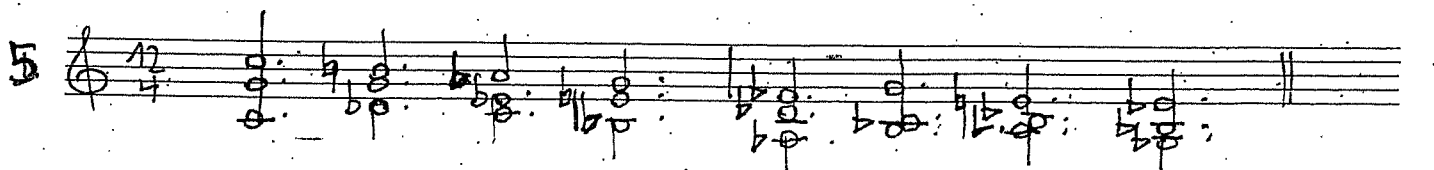
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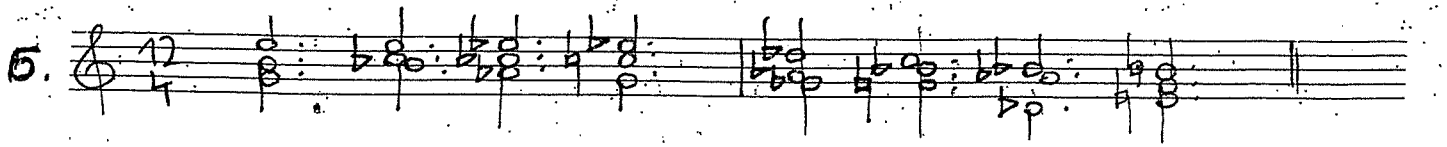
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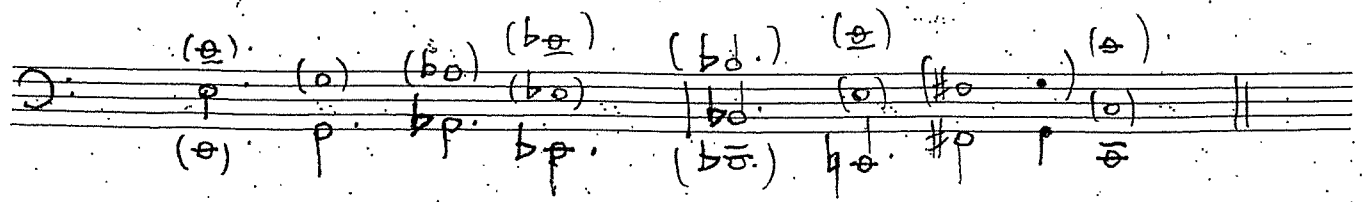
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1.-10. + Ground:



2.5.

Presence — Past — Future

1. CANON

Handwritten musical score for '1. CANON'. It consists of four staves, numbered 1 to 4. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a 12/4 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a melodic style with various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as accents (>) and slurs. The score is divided into two measures by a vertical bar line. The notation includes many accidentals and phrasing slurs.

2. CANON (in a mirror), [string quartet]

Handwritten musical score for '2. CANON (in a mirror)'. It consists of four staves, numbered 1 to 4. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a 12/4 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a melodic style with various note values, rests, and dynamic markings. Above each staff, there are circled numbers 1 through 4, indicating the voice parts. The score is divided into two measures by a vertical bar line. The notation includes many accidentals and phrasing slurs.

2. CANON: 1. (.) 2. (.) 3. (.) 4. (.) = (Ende einer Stimme)

End of a voice

[2.5.3]

3. Canon

$\text{♩} = \text{leggiro}$

(1.)

piano

(2.)

(3.)

(4.)

2.6. *CROSSING PATHS*

A melodical game with the SCALE for any number of players
(a „jungle-music“)

Concerning all your ways : Use the whole tonal space of your instrument.

Choose for your first tone-way one or two of the options given here.

Then, to characterize your next tone-way, use one or two others of the cues below.

For doing this look to different locations of this text-picture every time:

Go your „sound-street“ (with the given SCALE)

Use a transposition of the SCALE too

Use any other scale

Change the scales

Start it with any tone of a scale

... ..

Go step by step

Go different ways

Go upwards and downwards

Go back and forth

Go meandering

Make a jump from time to time

... ..

Sound loud or low

Get louder or quieter

Sound almost inaudible

Go even or uneven

Go hesitantly

Go staggering

Go hobbling

Go bouncing

Go majestic

Go creeping

Go furious

Go shuffling

Go strolling

Go exhausted

... ..

Sound desperated

Sound decided

Sound croaking

Sound breathing

Sound smacking

... ..

Slow down

Get faster

Run speedy

Keep calmly

... ..

Stop sometimes for a (short) while you take your way

2.6. *Crossing Paths* . Proposals for a realization :

This game needs any concept for a realization of organized chaos.
For example : This chaotic events may become audible as a process.

Please note for every new walk (or run) on your „sound-street“ :

- a) At first choose one or two characteristic options for walking your way
(try to find other options for each further walking)
- b) For **each walking** choose a (suitable) tempo and fix it on your metronome :
(very) slow MM. = 32 MM. = 36 MM. = 40 MM. = 52
moderate : MM. = 60 MM. = 66 MM. = 72 MM. = 80
more fast : MM. = 92 MM. = 108 MM. = 152 MM. = 176 MM. = 208
- c) imagine your tone-path for moment then start walking (or running)
- d) do a)-c) without haste.

Suggestion of a form for *Crossing Paths* :

1. CHORD SEQUENCES

Piano Players : For the beginning of this variation two or more piano players produce a very soft accompaniment playing some of the given CHORD-SEQUENCES simultaneously but not synchronous. Repeat the given sequences (see 2.1.) again and again until the beginning of (3.) . So at first play only the piano(s).
They start one after the other. (MM. of the dotted half-notes = 30-36)

2. TONE-PATHS AND CHORD SEQUENCES TOGETHER

Other instruments :

After a duration of ca. 30 seconds only one of the other instruments begins, going his first tone-path. Then, after a break, two others follow – (and after a short break) – follow – more and more – further instruments, always one after the other.
Until this process further breaks will happen because all players must define each of their ways again and again.

This procedure stops when **one of the pianists begin to play the GROUND fortissimo**.
In this moment all the other instruments **stop** suddenly.

3. GROUND

Piano-Players : As soon as all the other players are going their tone-paths one pianist begins to play the GROUND *fortissimo*.

The other pianists follow – one after the other.

Each pianist choose another (very) slow tempo (MM.30 / MM. 32 / MM. 36 / ... MM.46)

Each pianist use a different transposition of the GROUND playing it once only.

4. END OF THIS VARIATION

Crossing Paths ends *ff* . The GROUNDS stop one by one.

5. Fermata (= general break = silence)

6. a) any next UNIT of the *Passacaglia*
 b) the end ...

2.7 *FLOWERS, LEAVES, TREES ...*
AND CHANGING COLORS

(a game with some eight-tone chords given from the SCALE)

PITCH	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
highest	G	E	E	E^b	C	G	E	E	1
	C	E^b	C	G	E	E	E^b	B^(h)	2
high	D^b	C	B^b	D^b	D^b	A^b	A^b	G	3
	E^b	F[#]	G	G^b	G	E^b	C	E^b	4
middle	B^(h)	A^b	F[#]	A^b	E^b	C	B^b	A^b	5
	F[#]	E	D^b	B^b	B^(h)	D^b	G^b	D^b	6
low	A^b	B^(h)	E^b	C	F[#]	B^(h)	D^b	F[#]	7
lowest	E	G	A^b	E	A^b	F[#]	G	C	8
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	

2.7. (2)

Remarks for the use of 2.7.

1. „JUMPING GAME“ (*RAYUELA*) with the diagram

For a realisation of this diagram it's possible to read it in different ways.

Follow always the direction (a) - (h) :

- play along a straight line (line 1,2,3 ... or 8)
- play the next tone-letter changing the line, in a diagonal sequence
- play zigzag (follow your own way changing the lines).
- play diagonal zigzag
- alternate : jumping from low(est) to high(est) tone-letter or vice versa

2.Suggestions for a realisation of *Flowers, Leaves, Trees ...* :

(For octet or full orchestra)

Flowers

In this case the *Flowers* are orchestral *arpeggios*.

Each instrument (1-8) plays its melodic sequence as given (respectively : in high, middle or low position) (follow the positions (a)-(h) in the diagram from the left side to the right)

The *arpeggios* happen at first (a) upwards, from the lowest to the highest tone (from 1 to 8).

For the next chord (b) the *arpeggio* happens downwards (8 to 1). And so on, alternating the direction. (The sequence of the the tones you are playing up and down may be varied (e.g. upwards : 1 – 3 – 2 – 4 – 5 – 7 – 8 ; or : 2 – 3 – 1 – 4 – 6 – 5 – 8 – 7 ...)

Each tone remains sounding until the full chord is reached and should be audible for a while.

All tones *pianissimo*.

Leaves

Use the same (or another) melodic sequence as in *Flowers*.

This variation should be sounding like „leaves in the wind“.

Play your given tone **between periods of 3-4 seconds**. The moment of the beginning and ending with your tone is free.

Try to begin and end your tone at different moments in a period. (... sounds like withered leaves)

Play gentle and quiet. Each tone sounds (very) soft or faded (withered) too.

Some of your „leaves“ weeping to a neighbored pitch (downwards or upwards).

For this you may use distances of a half-tone or micro-tones.

Play the connection of tones *glissando* or *portamento* (string instruments)

(Sounds like colors of leaves)

Trees

Use your melodic sequence again you have played before or use another sequence.

But now sounds every tone of the melodic sequence nearly the full length of a period (3-4 seconds).

If you need a deep breath you may omit one period (respectively: one tone.

Play all tones *fortissimo* (like „crying“ trees).

(**Variant** : Play all tones as soft as possible. Play fragile tones.)

3. WORKSHOP FOR SOLOISTS

(or for Duos, Trios, Quartets, Quintets)

- 3.1. FIGURATION of a given melody
- 3.2. Variations with broken Chords see 2.3. (for melodists) or 4.2. (for pianists)

3.1. FIGURATION of a given melody

The art of *figuration* and *ornamentation* (of given melodies or chords) was a special discipline of the european musicians / composers during the baroque era in Europe.

Basic information for *figuration* is given from Fray Tomás de Santa Maria (or :Tómas Santamaria) in his *Arte de Taner Fantasia* (Valladolid 1565 , see IMSLP: Free Sheet music, PDF of the first printing)
A modern edition of the figuration tables is given in P. Froidebise (Hg.) *Oeuvres transcrites de l ' ARTE de TANER FANTASIA* , Orgue et liturgie Vol. 49)

A useful summary of variants of baroque *ornamentation* is included in a book from Hans Klotz : *Die Ornamentik der Klavier- und Orgelwerke von Johann Sebastian Bach* (Kassel 1984, with many explanations) . In this book are reprinted the tables for ornamentation from Henry Coleman, Nivers, Chambonnières, A. Raison, D'Anglebert, Purcell, J.K.F. Fischer, Dieupart, Couperin and J. S. Bach.

If you want to recognize the *figurations* and *ornamentations* of J. S. Bach and his predecessors or contemporaries you should know the figurative thinking of the composers called above.

If you want to recognize a good method for *figuration* the systematic of Tomas de Santa Maria is an excellent tool !

All this, *figuration* and *ornamentation* is based on the rules of counterpoint and harmonical thinking with the practise of *basso continuo*.

This may be a suggestion for further use of this proceedings doing similiar – in (on the one hand) similar but (on the other hand) different music.

In spite of this you may ask : What`s the use of knowing this old stuff today ?

Ask the past for that .

What exactly did the old guys do ?

Is there future in it ?

3.1. MELODIC FIGURATION (some examples) * 1)

3.1.1. Repetitions and octave jumping:

pulsation (e.g.: the theme)
or: repetitions in different rhythms

with the ground (with rhythms)

3.1.2. transitus (to connect two distant tones of a given melody, going steps)

3.1.3. Tone-Steps (to neighbors of a given tone of the scale)

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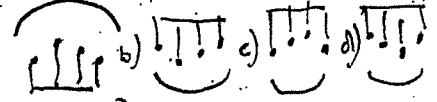
or: (different articulation)

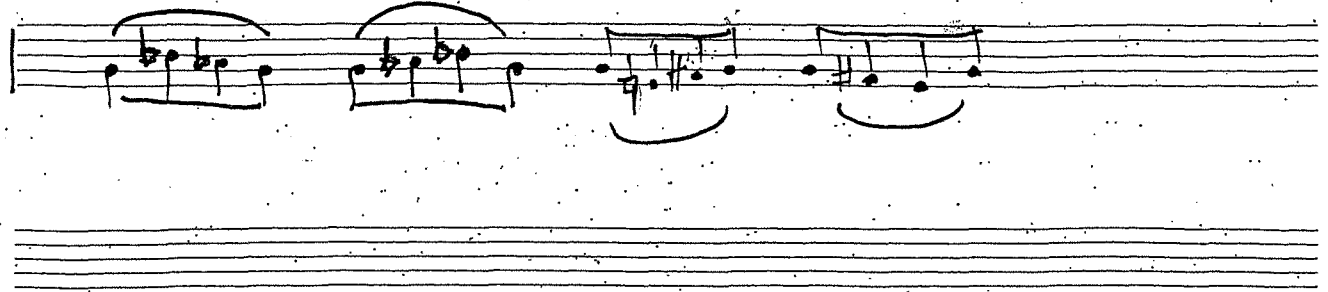
and more similar figures

or: steps for a figuration of a section (only a few examples:)

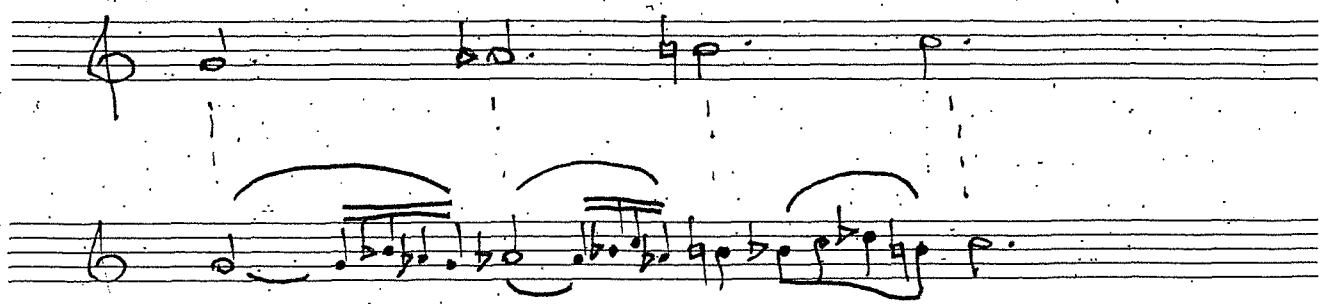
etc

sighs (sospiros)


3.1.5. melodic "half circle" a) 
 (this figuration represents a third)

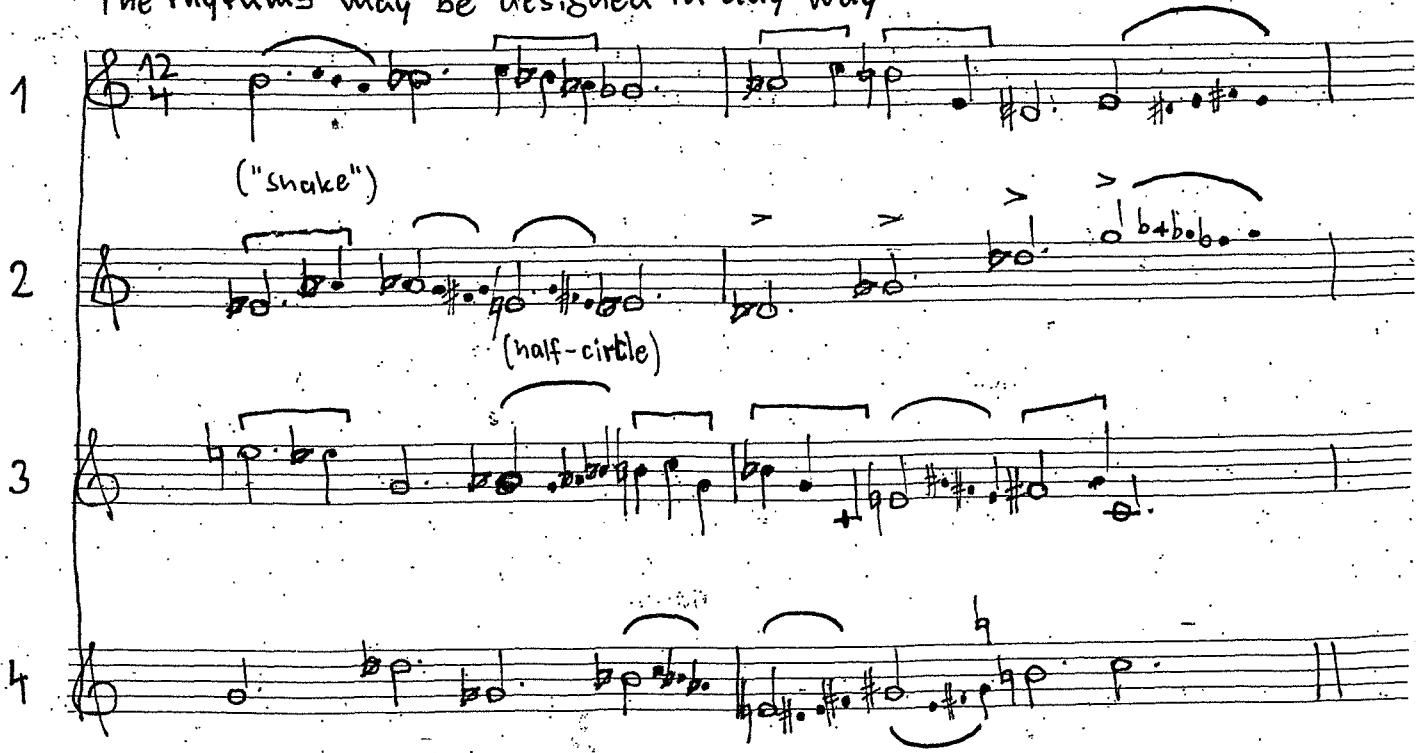
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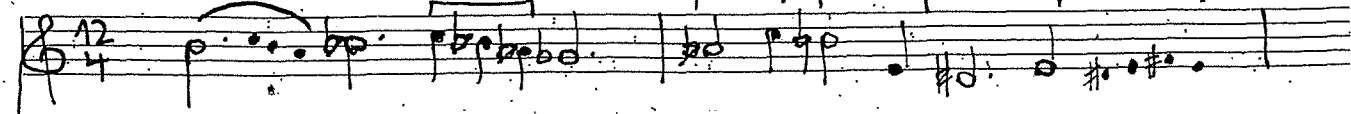
The "half-circle" as figurative connection of steps.

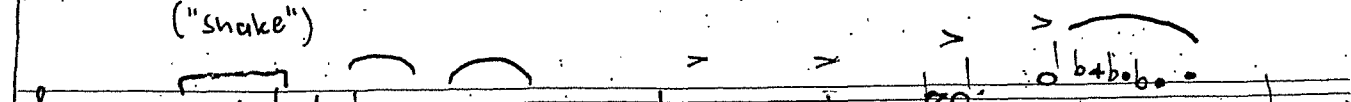


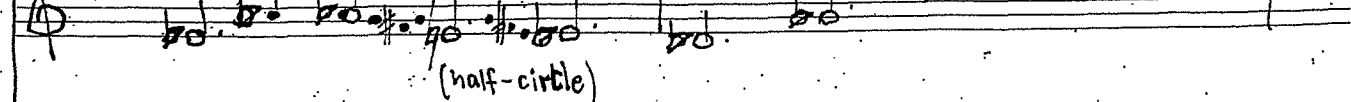
3.1.6. EXAMPLE FOR ORNAMENTATION (of a given chord-UNIT)
 See **2.1.1.**

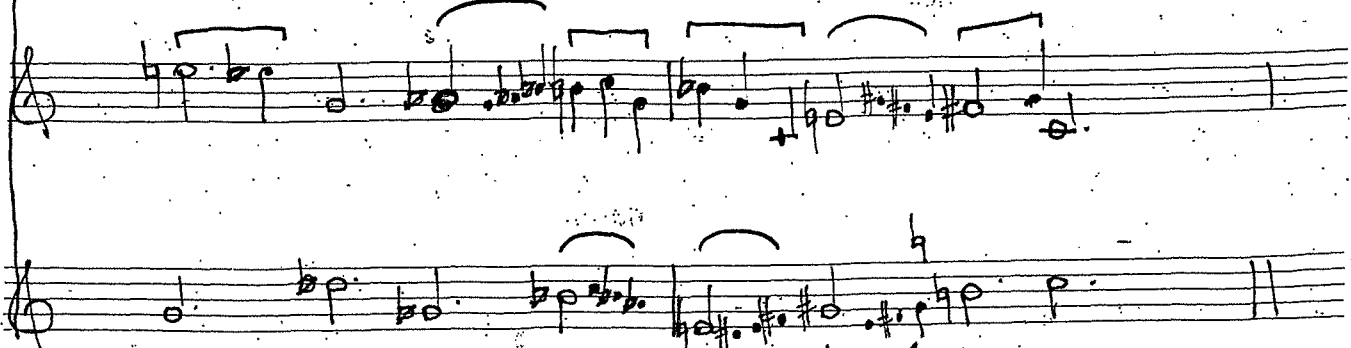
In this example for motivic figuration I have used similar figures
 (): "snakes" (≙ "turns") and "half-circles"
 The rhythms may be designed in any way



1 

2 
 ("snake")

3 
 (half-circle)

4 

3. 17, ORNAMENTS

Musical notation for ornament a) 'SHAKE'. It shows two examples on a single staff. The first example starts with a half note 'b' followed by a quarter note 'd'. Above the 'd' is a 'M' with an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (b, b, b). The second example starts with a half note 'b' followed by a quarter note 'd'. Above the 'd' is an 'm' with an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (b, b, b).

a) "SHAKE" (of a stave ton, upwards and back

Musical notation for ornament b) 'mordant'. It shows two examples on a single staff. The first example starts with a half note 'd' followed by a quarter note 'e'. Above the 'e' is an 'M' with an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (e, e, e). The second example starts with a half note 'd' followed by a quarter note 'e'. Above the 'e' is an 'm' with an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (e, e, e). The text 'or: downwards, similar as above' is written to the right.

b) "mordant"

Musical notation for ornament c) 'turn'. It shows two examples on a single staff. The first example starts with a half note 'p' followed by a quarter note 'e'. Above the 'e' is an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (e, e, e). The second example starts with a half note 'p' followed by a quarter note 'e'. Above the 'e' is an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (e, e, e).

c) "turn" (as a "re-turn") or:

Musical notation for ornament d). It shows two examples on a single staff. The first example starts with a half note 'e' followed by a quarter note 'f'. Above the 'f' is an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (f, f, f). The second example starts with a half note 'e' followed by a quarter note 'f'. Above the 'f' is an accent (^) and a slur over a sixteenth-note triplet (f, f, f). The text 'or...' is written to the right.

d) (play with different point of time in a period of d.)

look for more ornaments in baroque literature
 (e.g. see the ornament-tables from Bach, or some other
 french composers of his time, or from Purcell...)

3.2. see 1.2. and 2.3.

3.3. *CHROMA* : AN (ULTRA) -CHROMATIC UNIT for string quartet

or for four instruments of any kind which can produce (ultra-)chromatic sounds or *glissando*

Use one or more of the given melodies (see CHORD-UNITs : 2. 1.).

Play some of its given tones *glissando* : upwards or downwards from the given tone.

(Only for exercise : Return to this tone at least)

Do this only with 2-3 of the given eight tones. The other tones remain on its pitches.

Exercise : At first practise your chromatic event very slowly (slow motion)

- a) hear the sound of the determined pitch. For this : play a long tone
- b) play a neighbor-tone you have intended (a half-tone or a quarter-tone higher respectively lower than the given tone)
- c) hear this target-tone a while (as a long tone again)
- d) connect the two tones with *glissando*, at first play a slow *glissando*
(for strings : play *portamento* , sliding your finger on the string)
- e) (only for exercise : after doing this play the tone given before again)
- f) At least play your *glissando* fast (or : not slowly), beginning with the given tone to reach your intended target-tone quickly.
Hold this tone within the period of the dotted half-note .
Then go to the next tone of the chord sequence and do similar...
- g) Play the melody (eight tones) with your choice of 2-3 tones mutated with *glissandi*

For a performance this UNIT should be played very slowly ($\frac{3}{4}$ - Note ca. MM 32).

A possible variation results from its repetition (Now choose other tones for chromatic events).

In a performance of *CHROMA* we can hear determined chords alternating with mutated chords which are occupied by little (ultra-) chromatic clusters generating interferences.

The interferences should become audible !

(This is a little musical change operation : No player knows what the other will do for creating a common cluster)

This game may be sound like trees (= chords) overgrown with mushrooms or moss.

5

(*1) two fingers upon one key

7

Loco or 8va

Version 1

Page 1+2 (as noted)

Version 2

- a) Piano I : only Page 1 (solo)
- b) Piano II : Page 1+2 (solo)
- c) Piano I / II together