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# **PREFACE**

Tonal Harmony, with an Introduction to Twentieth-Century Music deals with the resources and practice of Western music from the eighteenth century to the present day. In a single volume, accompanied by a one-volume Workbook, the text covers all of the factual material included within freshman and sophomore theory study at most schools.

Theory curricula vary considerably from one institution to another. Some courses are structured around the traditional study of harmony, while at other schools such topics as counterpoint, form, and popular music have been incorporated in basic theory studies. Ear training work, keyboard harmony, and other practical musicianship skills may be integrated with the study of harmony, or treated in separate courses. With these different approaches in mind, the authors have designed *Tonal Harmony* to be both flexible in usage and broad in its stylistic range and applications.

The text provides students with a comprehensive but accessible and highly practical set of tools for the understanding of music. Actual musical practice is stressed more than rules or prohibitions. Principles are explained and illustrated, and exceptions are noted.

The text begins with a thorough but concise overview of musical elements and rudiments. Part 1 includes chapters dealing with the fundamentals of music and with the spelling of diatonic triads and seventh chords in major and minor keys. The main body of the text then deals with voice leading and analysis in a diatonic context (Parts 2 and 3) and with chromaticism (Parts 4 and 5). Part 6 concludes the text with a survey of developments in the late nineteenth century and a thorough introduction to twentieth-century practices.

In its presentation of harmonic procedures, the text introduces students to the most common vocal and instrumental textures encountered in tonal music. Traditional four-part chorale settings are used to introduce many concepts, but two-part, three-part, and five-part instrumental and vocal textures are also presented in illustrations and drill work. To encourage the correlation of writing and performing skills, we have included musical examples in score and reduced-score formats, as well as charts on instrumental ranges and

transpositions. Some of the assignments ask the student to write for small ensembles suitable for performance in class. Instructors may modify these assignments to make them most appropriate for their particular situations.

The text employs a variety of techniques to clarify underlying voice leading and formal structure. These include the voice-leading reductions that follow many of the examples. Our goal has been to elucidate tonal logic at the phrase and section level as well as from one chord to the next. Abundant musical illustrations, many with commentaries, serve as a springboard for class discussion and individual understanding.

The book provides an extensive series of learning aids. A large portion of the text is devoted to Self-Tests, consisting of student-graded drills in chord spelling, part writing, and analysis, with suggested answers given in Appendix B. The Self-Tests can be used for in-class drill and discussion, in preparation for the Workbook exercises, or for independent study. Periodic Checkpoints enable students to gauge their understanding of the preceding material.

Exercises in the Workbook are closely correlated with the corresponding chapters of the text. In each chapter, the Workbook exercises begin with problems similar to those found in the Self-Tests, but also incorporate more creative types of compositional problems for those instructors who include this type of work.

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## TO THE STUDENT

#### HARMONY IN WESTERN MUSIC

One of the things that distinguishes Western art music from many other kinds of music is its preoccupation with harmony. In other words, just about any piece that you are apt to perform will involve more than one person playing or singing different notes at the same time—or, in the case of a keyboard player, more than one finger pushing down keys. There are exceptions, of course, such as works for unaccompanied flute, violin, and so on, but an implied harmonic background is often still apparent to the ear in such pieces.

In general, the music from cultures other than our own European-American culture is concerned less with harmony than with other aspects of music. Complexities of rhythm or subtleties of melodic variation, for example, might serve as the focal point in a particular musical culture. Even in our own music, some compositions, such as those for nonpitched percussion instruments, may be said to have little or no harmonic content, but they are the exception.

If harmony is so important in our music, it might be a good idea if we agreed on a definition of it. What does the expression sing in harmony mean to you? It probably conjures up impressions of something on the order of a barbershop quartet, or a chorus, or maybe just two people singing a song, one with the melody, the other one singing the harmony. Since harmony began historically with vocal music, this is a reasonable way to begin formulating a definition of harmony. In all of these examples, our conception of harmony involves more than one person singing at once, and the harmony is the sound that the combined voices produces.

Harmony is the sound that results when two or more pitch classes\* are performed simultaneously. It is the vertical aspect of music, produced by the combination of the components of the horizontal aspect.

While this book deals with harmony and with chords, which are little samples taken out of the harmony, it would be a good idea to keep in mind that massical lines (vocal or instrumental) produce the harmony, not the reverse.

Sing through the four parts in Example 1. The soprano and tenor lines are the most melodic. The actual melody being harmonized is in the soprano, while the tenor follows along at a sixth below for a while and then ends with an eighth-note figure of its own. The bass line is strong and independent but

\*Pitch class: Notes an octave apart or enhance onically equivalent belong to the same pitch class (all C's, B#'s, and Dib's, for example). There are twelve pitch classes in all.

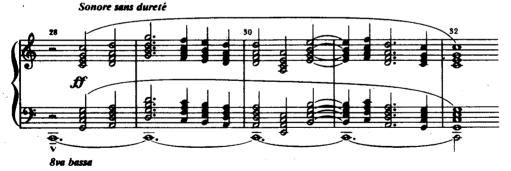
less melodic, while the alto part is probably the least distinctive of all. These four relatively independent lines combine to create harmony, with chords occurring at the rate of approximately one per beat.

Example 1. Bach, "Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, o Herr"



The relationship between the vertical and horizontal aspects of music is a subtle one, however, and it has fluctuated ever since the beginnings of harmony (about the ninth century). At times the emphasis has been almost entirely on independent horizontal lines, with little attention paid to the resulting chords—a tendency easily seen in the twentieth century. At other times the independence of the lines has been weakened or is absent entirely. In Example 2 the only independent lines are the sustained bass note and the melody (highest notes). The other lines merely double the melody at various intervals, creating a very nontraditional succession of chords.

Example 2. Debussy, "La Cathédrale engloutie," from Preludes, Book I



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### TONAL HARMONY DEFINED

The kind of harmony that this book deals with primarily is usually called tonal harmony. The term refers to the harmonic style of music composed during the period from about 1650 to about 1900. This would include such

composers as Purcell, Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Wagner, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and all of their contemporaries. Not that these composers all sound the same—they don't. They use different textures, timbres, ranges, rhythms, and ensembles, among other things. Even their harmonic styles differ. Yet they were all composers of tonal harmony.

And tonal harmony is not really limited to the period 1650-1900. It began evolving long before 1650, and it is still around today. Turn on your radio, go to a night club, listen to the canned music in the supermarket—it's almost all tonal harmony. Then why do we put the demise of tonal harmony at 1900? Because from about that time, most composers of "serious," or "legitimate," or "concert" music have been more interested in nontonal harmony than in tonal harmony. This does not mean that tonal harmony ceased to exist in the real world or in music of artistic merit.

Much of today's popular music is based on tonal harmony, just as Bach's music was, which means that both types have a good deal in common. First, both make use of a tonal center, a key pitch class that provides a center of gravity. Second, both types of music make use almost exclusively of major and minor scales. Third, both use chords that are tertian in structure. Tertian means "built of thirds," so a tertian chord might be C/E/G, a nontertian one C/F/B. Fourth, and very important, is that the chords built on the various scale degrees relate to each other and to the tonal center in fairly complex ways. Because each chord tends to have more or less standard roles, or functions, within a key, this characteristic is sometimes referred to as functional harmony. The details of these relationships between chords will be discussed more fully in the text; but to get an idea of what it's all about, play the chord of Example 3 on the piano.\*

Example 3.



Play it several times. Roll (arpeggiate) it up and down. The "function" of this chord is clear, isn't it? Somehow, you know a lot about this chord without having to read a book about it. Play it again, and listen to where the chord "wants" to go. Then play Example 4, which will seem to follow Example 3 perfectly. This is an example of what is meant by the relationships between chords in tonal harmony and why we sometimes use the term functional harmony.

<sup>\*</sup>If you cannot arrange to be at a piano while reading this book, try to play through the examples just before or right after reading a particular section or chapter. Reading about music without hearing it is not only dull, it's uninformative.

#### Example 4.



It is important to realize that not all tonal music makes use of functional harmony—especially a good deal of the music of the twentieth century—music by composers such as Bartók and Hindemith, for example.

From our discussion we can formulate this definition of tonal harmony:

Tonal harmony refers to music with a tonal center, based on major and/or minor scales, and using tertian chords that are related to each other and to the tonal center in various ways.

#### **USING THIS TEXT**

The information in this text is organized in the traditional chapter format, but there are several additional features of which you should be aware:

#### Self-Tests.

Most chapters contain one or more such sections. These Self-Tests contain questions and drill material for use in independent study or classroom discussion. Suggested answers to all Self-Test problems appear in Appendix B. In many cases more than one correct answer is possible, but only one answer will be given in Appendix B. If you are in doubt about the correctness of your answer, ask your instructor.

#### Exercises.

After each Self-Test section, we refer to a group of Exercises to be found in the Workbook. Most of the Workbook Exercises will be similar to those in the preceding Self-Test, so refer to the Self-Test if you have questions concerning completion of the Exercises. However, the Workbook will also often contain more creative compositional problems than appeared in the Self-Test, since it would be impossible to suggest "answers" to such problems if they were used as Self-Tests.

#### Checkpoints.

You will occasionally encounter a Checkpoint section. These are intended to jog your memory and to help you review what you have just read. No answers are given to Checkpoint questions.

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