# **Music Theory for Singers**

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## **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

## **BOOK ONE**

## Part One

- 1. The Building Blocks of Music
- 2. The Beat Note: TA
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- 4. TI-TIs
- 5. Dynamics

## **Part Two**

- 6. The Staff
- 7. Steps and Skips
- 8. The Musical Alphabet and the Keyboard
- 9. Letter Names on the Treble and Bass Staffs
- 10. The Grand Staff

#### **Part Three**

- 11. The Measure
- 12. Note Values
- 13. Rest Values
- 14. Time Signatures
- 15. Counting the Rhythm
- 16. Vocal Music on the Staff

## **Part Four**

- 17. Accidentals: Sharps, Flats and Naturals
- 18. Whole and Half Steps
- 19. Intervals By Number
- 20. Curved Lines: Phrase Marks, Slurs, Ties, Syllable Marks, and No-Breath Marks
- 21. Vowels and Consonants
- 22. Musical Terms

## **Part Five**

- 23. Solfege
- 24. More Solfege

## **BOOK TWO**

#### Part One

- Incomplete Measures, Upbeats
- 2. Notes Above and Below the Staff
- 3. Major Scales
- 4. Dotted Quarter Notes and Counting Review
- 5. Repeat Marks, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Endings, C.D., and D.S. Signs
- 6. Major and Minor Triads

## **Part Two**

- 7. More Time Signatures
- 8. Sixteenth Notes and Rests
- 9. Musical Form
- Key Signatures and Major Keys

## **Part Three**

- 11. Identifying Perfect, Major and Minor Intervals
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- 13. The Circle of Fifths and Solfege Review

#### **Part Four**

- 14. Letter Name Review
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- 16. Rhythm Review
- 17. Enharmonicism: Double Flats and Double Sharps
- 18. Major Scales in all Keys

## Part Five

- 19. Diminished and Augmented Intervals
- 20. The Four Types of Triads
- 21. Chord Qualities Based on Major Scale Degrees
- 22. Triplets
- 23. Chord Inversions, Chords in Open and Closed Position

## **BOOK THREE**

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- 1. Chromaticism and Solfeggio
- 2. Syncopation, Meter, Swing
- Text, Major Languages, and the International Phonetic Alphabet
- 4. Compound Meter
- 5. The Basic Conducting Patterns

## **Part Two**

- 6. Minor Scales
- 7. Chords Based on Minor Scale Degrees
- 8. Genres, Forms of Vocal Music
  - a. Brief Music History
  - b. Single Forms and Genres of Vocal Music
  - c. Compound Forms

#### **Part Three**

- 9. Four Note Chords
- 10. Transposition
- 11. Non-harmonic Tones
- 12. Modes

## Part Four

- 13. Four Note Chords in Inversion
- 14. Three Types of "Phonies": Monophony, Homophony, Polyphony
- 15. Miscellaneous
  - a. Note and Rest values
  - b. Metronome Markings
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  - d. Pitch Nomenclature
  - e. Vocal Ranges

# Part Five

An Overview of Music Theory from an Historical Perspective (Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque)

## **Part Six**

An Overview of Music Theory from an Historical Perspective (Classical, Sonata Allegro Form, Romantic, Twentieth Century)