

MUT 6531 (18001) Figured Bass/Continuo

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REQUIRED TEXTS

Ledbetter, David, ed. *Continuo Playing According to Handel: his figured bass exercises* (Oxford University Press, 1990).

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Arnold, Franck Thomas, *The Art of Accompaniment from a Thorough-Bass, v.1* (London: Oxford University Press, 1931, reprinted New York: Dover, 1965).

Library Call Number: ML442 .A71931

Warriner, John, *Transposition: Keyboard and Orchestral* (London: Novello and Company, reprinted New York: H.W. Gray, 1900).

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE MATERIALS

HANDEL

Mann, Alfred, *Georg Friedrich Händel: Composition Lessons from the Autograph Collection in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge* (*Hallische Händel-Ausgabe*, Supplement, Vol 1), (Kassel: Bärenreiter, 1978).

Library Call Number: 780.81 H236 1955, supplement, vol. 1 – no longer available

(Listed on syllabus as Mann 1)

____ *Theory and Practice: The Great Composer as Student and Teacher* (New York and London: Norton, 1987).

Library Call Number: ML430 .M28 1987 (Listed on syllabus as Mann 2)

____ 'Handel's Successor: Notes on John Christopher Smith the younger,' *Music in Eighteenth-century England: Essays in Memory of Charles Cudworth*, ed. C. Hogwood and R. Luckett (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983), pp. 135-45.

Library Call Number: ML55 .C85 1983 (Listed on syllabus as Mann 3)

____ 'Bach and Handel as Teachers of Thorough Bass,' *Bach, Handel, Scarlatti: Tercentenary Essays*, ed. P. Williams (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985), pp. 245-257.

Library Call Number: ML55 .B14 1985 (Listed on syllabus as Mann 4)

TUTORS BEFORE 1800

Bach, Carl Philipp Emanuel, *Versuch über die wahre Art das Clavier zu spielen: Zweyter Theil* (Berlin: [author], 1762). Translated by W. J. Mitchell as *Essay on the True Art of Playing Keyboard Instruments* (London: Eulenberg, 1974).

Library Call Number: MT224 .B132

Bach, Johann Sebastian (attrib.), *Vorschriften und Grundsätze zum vierstimmigen spielen des General-Bass oder Accompagnement* (1738). Facsimile with translation by P.L. Poulin as *Precepts and Principles for Playing the Thorough-Bass or Accompanying in Four Parts* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994).

Library Call Number: MT49 .B1713 1994

D'Anglebert, Jean-Henri. 'Principes de l'Accompagnement', in *Pièces de clavecin* (Paris: [author], 1689). Edited by K. Gilbert in *J.-H. D'Anglebert, Pièces de clavecin (Le Pupitre, No. 54)*, (Paris: Heugel, 1975)

Library Call Number: M22 A56 P5 1975, specifically vol 2, pp 138-145.

Delair, Denis, *Traité d'Accompagnement pour le Theorbe, et le Clavessin* (Paris: [author], 1660), translated by C. M. Mattax in *Accompaniment on the Theorbo and Harpsichord: Denis Delair's Treatise of 1690* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1991).

Library Call Number: MT68 .D4413 1991

Gasparini, Francesco, *L'armico pratico al cimbalo* (Venice: A. Bortoli, 1708). Translated by F. S. Stillings as *The Practical Harmonist at the Keyboard* (Music Theory Translation Series, 1), (New York: Da Capo, 1980).

Library Call Number: MT49 .G3513 1980

Heinichen, Johann David, *Der General-Bass in der Composition* (Dresden: [author], 1728). Partial translation by G.J. Buelow in *Thorough-Bass Accompaniment according to Johann David Heinichen* (Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, 2/1992).

Library Call Number: MT49 .B84

Saint Lambert, M. de, *Nouveau Traité de l'Accompagnement du Clavecin de l'Orgue et des autres Instruments* (Paris: Ballard, 1707). Translated by J.S. Powell in *A New Treatise on Accompaniment . . . by Monsieur de Saint Lambert* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1991).

Library Call Number: MT68 .S1513 1991

MODERN TUTORS

Williams, Peter, *Figured Bass Accompaniment* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1970).
MT49 .W54

PURPOSES AND GOALS

Theoretical principles of continuo performance practice will be explored through primary sources. Using practical exercises of G.F. Handel and supporting transposition exercises by John Warriner, the student will learn the practical aspect of realizing figured bass.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Class Preparation	--	70%
Final Realization Project	--	30%

		100%

CLASS PREPARATION

Success in this course will be achieved by preparing weekly exercises. The assignment for each week is comprised of two components: readings and practical exercises. Complete details in the tentative course schedule below. Meeting time will be set during the first week of classes.

REALIZATION PROJECT

The culminating written project for this course will be an original, publishable, realization of a continuo part of a movement or section of a work from the Baroque period. Using the figured bass indications in the original score or manuscript, the student will present their version of a continuo part that utilizes the techniques discussed in the course. If at all possible, let's try to perform the work with appropriate instrumentation. **PROJECT DUE no later than Wednesday, April 24 at 5PM.**

GRADING SCALE

Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points may be found here:

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TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

Week of Jan 8 Notes #1	Reading:	Introduction & Syllabus a) Warriner, pp 5-11 (Introduction and Chapter 1) b) Handel, pp 1-5 c) Mann 2/Theory and Practice, pp vii-39
	Practical:	a) Warriner, Chapter 1: work thru the examples in this chapter b) Handel, p 4: realize exercise No. 1 as follows: -- with root, 3 rd , and 5 th scale degrees in soprano -- transpose one of the above to 2 different keys (one key must be at least a 3 rd away from original key) Prepare at least two examples
Week of Jan 15 Notes #2	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 6-7 b) Arnold1, pp vii-xvi; 326-336 (points 1- 2) c) Mann4/Williams, ed., Tercentenary Essays, pp 245-257
	Practical:	a) Warriner, Chapter 3: record and submit two examples (from #45-54) in the original and two other keys b) Handel, p 6: realize exercises No. 2 & 3 as follows: -- in original key and 2 other keys (one key must be at least a 3 rd away from original key) Prepare at least two examples
Week of Jan 22 Notes #3	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 8-9 b) Arnold2, pp 336-406 (point 3-10) c) Mann 1/Composition Lessons, pp 7-14; skim 15-21
	Practical:	a) Warriner, Chapter 3: record and submit two different examples (from #45-54) in the original and two other keys

- b) Handel, pp 8-9: realize exercises No. 4 – 5 in original key and 2 other keys
(one key must be at least a 3rd away from original key)
Prepare at least one example of No. 4 & 5
- c) Handel, p 9: realize exercise No. 6
Prepare at least one version of No. 6

Week of Jan 29 Notes #4	Reading:	a) Handel, p 10; ponder implications of Ex. 5 b) Handel, p 11 c) Arnold3, pp 242-250 (points 1-3); 407-435 d) Delair, Translator's Commentary, pp 1-36 e) Mann 3/Hogwood & Lockett, pp 135-145
	Practical:	a) Warriner, p 18: prepare No 55 in original and one other key) b) Handel, p 10: prepare exercise No. 7 in original and one other key c) Handel, p 11: prepare exercise No. 8
Week of Feb 5 Notes #5	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 12-13 b) Delair, Treatise, pp 37-85 c) Gasparini, pp vii-11; skim 13-47
	Practical:	a) Warriner, p 18: prepare No 56 in original and at least one other key b) Handel, p 12: realize exercise No. 10 in original and one other key at least a M2 away from original
Week of Feb 12 Notes #6	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 14-15 b) Arnold4, pp 250-283 (points 4-7) c) Heinichen, pp xi-74
	Practical:	a) Warriner, p 18: prepare No 59 in the original and two other keys b) Handel, p 14: prepare exercise No. 11 in original and one other key at least a M2 away from original
Week of Feb 19 Notes #7	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 16-18 & 18-19 b) Arnold5, pp 283-290 (point 8) c) Heinichen, pp 75-101; 175-218
	Practical:	a) Warriner, p 19: prepare No 60 in the original and one other key b) Handel, p 16: prepare exercise No. 12 in original and one other key at least a M2 away from original
Week of Feb 26 Notes #8	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 20-21 & 22 b) Arnold6, pp 290-308 (point 9 & 10) d) CPE Bach, pp vii-ix; 1-78
	Practical:	a) Warriner, p 19: prepare no 61 in the original and one other key b) Handel, p 18: prepare exercise No. 13 in original and one other key at least a M2away from original c) Handel, p 22: prepare exercise No. 15
Week of March 4 Notes #9	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 23-24 b) Arnold7, pp 308-323 (points 11-14) c) CPE Bach, pp 147-179; 430-445
	Practical:	a) Warriner, p 19: prepare No 62 in the original and two other keys b) Handel, p 23: prepare No. 16
Week of March 11 = Spring Break		
Week of March 18 Notes #10	Reading:	a) Arnold8, pp 438-481/skim b) d'Anglebert, v2, pp VI-IX; 138-145 c) Handel, pp 25-26 d) Handel, pp 26-27
	Practical:	a) Warriner, Chapter 5, p 20: prepare No 65 in original and two keys b) Handel, p 25: prepare exercise No. 17 c) Handel, p 26: prepare No. 18
Week of March 25	Reading:	a) Handel, pp 28-29 & 30-31

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- b) Bach/Precepts & Principles, pp vii-xxvii; 5-14; glance at pp 59+
 c) Saint Lambert, pp vii-8
Practical:
 a) Warriner, p 20: prepare No 66 in original and one other key
 b) Handel, p 28: realize exercise 19

Notes #12
 Week of Week of Apr 1

- Reading:*
 a) Handel, pp 30-31 & 32
 b) Williams, v1, pp 1-4; 23-40 (thru point #14)
Practical:
 a) Warriner, p 21: prepare No 68 in original and one other key
 b) Handel, p 30: prepare exercise 20
 c) Handel, p 32: prepare exercise 21

Week of Apr 8

- Reading:*
 a) Handel, pp 34-36 & 44
Practical:
 a) Warriner, p 21: prepare No 69 in original and two other keys
 b) Handel, p 34; prepare practice piece 22
 c) Handel, p 44; realize fugue exercise #1 on staff paper (for discussion)

Notes #13
 Week of Apr 15

- Reading:*
 a) Handel, pp 39-40 & 45
 b) Williams, v1, pp 40-63
 c) Williams, v1, pp 65-89 (to English style)
Practical:
 a) Warriner, p 22: prepare No 72 in the original and one other key
 b) Handel, p 38: prepare No. 23
 c) Handel, p 41: prepare No. 24
 d) Handel, p 46 – analyze model fugue for discussion

Notes #14
 Week of Apr 22

- REALIZATION PROJECT DUE no later than 5PM on Wednesday, April 24**
Reading:
 a) Williams, v1, pp 89-105
 b) Handel, study pp 48-61
Practical:
 a) Warriner, p 22: prepare No 74 in the original and two other keys
 b) Handel, p 45: realize fugue exercise #2
 c) Handel, p 52 thru 56 – analyze fugue “models”

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COURSE EVALUATION

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