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P R E F A C E

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The following pages are extracted from a Work in four parts intitled L'ANIMA DI MUSICA, in which the Author has treated on every subject connected with Piano Forte playing[†]; These pages form the fourth part of that Treatise.

The object throughout, has been to avoid prolixity, and to render every subject as brief as possible for the convenience of young Scholars — and as it is not to be expected that preludes will be attempted by those who cannot play a little, or who are not already acquainted with the rudiments of Music, and the scales in the different keys major and minor, those subjects are purposely omitted, and also every other except the one proposed namely; Preluding.

[†] vide Title page.

O F P R E L U D I N G .

Every performance should be introduced by a prelude, not only to prepare the Ear for the key in which the air or piece is to be played, but to prepare the fingers, and therefore should in general consist of some rapid movement intermixt with Chords, Arpeggios or other passages. [‡]

A Prelude is supposed to be played extempore, and to lay down rules would be as impossible as wrong, For the fancy should be unconfined; but for those who are not acquainted with the rules of Counterpoint or Composition I shall submit several specimens or styles of prelude, adapted to every capacity; those desirous to learn more on the subject must study that other branch. —

[‡] A Chord is several notes struck together thus, 

An Arpeggio is the notes of a Chord played in succession and in particular directions thus  &c.

* Appoggiando signifies; playing a Chord in a leaning or slanting direction so that the notes are heard successively: usually marked thus,  or  or 

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A Prelude may be of various description, it may be long or short; simple or complex, confined to one key or modulating into a variety of keys; consisting of Chords, Arpeggios, running or inverted passages, or of all — in short as the fancy may direct, but confined to this rule; that it must begin and end in the same key, which must be the key in which the movement is going to be played; — But nevertheless I recommend that the fancy should at the same time not lead the performer to introduce any extraneous, and unconnected matter; but that all should assimilate and harmonize, at the same time displaying as much brilliancy of execution as possible. —

The Pupil having become thoroughly acquainted with the scales of the different keys, in both moods (see page 19) should learn the Perfect or Common Chord of every key Major and Minor, and the leading Chord of the seventh, so as to be able to play both by memory — as the conclusion of almost every Prelude is composed of these two Chords.

OF THE PERFECT OR COMMON CHORD.

The Bass or fundamental note of the Perfect or Common Chord is a key note — to which is added its 3^d 5th & 8th — thus C being the fundamental note in the key of C, its third is E, its fifth G, and its eighth C —

Examples

in the key of C major.  Fundamental note	C minor. 	in the key of A major. 	A minor. 
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The only difference of Major and Minor in this Chord is the 3^d note of the key — which in Minor becomes half a tone lower; thus, in the former example of the key of C, E being the 3^d note becomes flat in the minor mood — and in the 2^d Example in the key of A, — C sharp becomes natural in the Minor. —

The easiest, and readiest way to find out the perfect or common Chord in any key, is to play in the Bass the key note, either single or an octave; and with the right hand play an octave of the key note also, when the other two middle notes will be found exactly under the 1st & 2^d finger, if the hand is held straight — But should the hand be too small to reach the octave, then place the little finger of the right hand on the key note, the other two notes will be found always at the same distances under the thumb and first finger.

Example in C

 or	 or
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in D

 or

Of the leading Chord of the Seventh.

The Bass note of the seventh Chord is the fifth note of the key — to which is added its third, fifth, seventh and eighth. Thus in the key of C, — G (being the fifth note of the key) is the fundamental note — B is the 3rd. — D the 5th. — F the 7th and G the 8th — NB. this chord is the same in the Major and Minor mood.

NB. the order of the notes is inverted in the above Example, that is; the 3^d. is made the highest note — being a better position and by being closer to the other chord prevents jumps.

Example of both Chords.

The easiest way to discover the Chord of the seventh, is to play in the Bass the fifth note of the key, octave or single note, and with the right hand, place the little finger on the note below the key note, and the thumb on the note above the key note, when the other two middle notes will be found exactly under the 1st. and 2nd. fingers adjoining each other. Example —

As I have before said, it is not my intention to touch on the subject of thorough Bass, I shall not confuse the Pupil with its laws of avoiding octaves, fifths &c: but only give Examples for the ear to catch, which will soon be habituated to the common preludes — I therefore recommend them to be learnt by Ear.

The Pupil should now learn the short preludes at page 5 called 1st style, (which is the two Chords just described) and get them by heart. —

After which proceed to learn those marked 2nd style Page 6 (which is the complete common prelude —) The next are those of the 3rd style Page 7 the same as the last, except being Arpeggios instead of Chords. —

Next follow a series of CODAS or FINALES Page 9 that may be substituted for

the last Chord of any of the foregoing Preludes.—And also a variety of CAPOS or Introductions Page 15 which may end with the Codas attached to them or any other of the same key.—NB. I have avoided much variety in these short Preludes as the simpler they are, the more likely are they to remain in the Pupils memory.

The whole concludes with Twenty complete modulating Preludes or Capricio's in Major and Minor keys. Page 22.

The Style of playing Preludes should be bold and energetic; the running passages executed with brilliancy and velocity; the Chords that are long and which conclude the Prelude (as at 1st Prelude Page 22,) should not be struck together, but by a long extended Appoggiando (see * at the bottom of Page 1.)

Those Chords that begin any run or passage, (as the Chord marked sf in the same Prelude Page 22) should have emphasis, and should be played more together, and with more firmness; When there are several Chords together (as the beginning of the same Prelude Page 22) they should be played almost together and not Appoggiando.

The Arpeggios and passages, where both hands combine and that are linked with ties &c: (as at the beginning of the 2^d Prelude Page 22, the 8th Prelude Page 25, and the 2^d part of the 12th Prelude Page 28 &c:) must be played perfectly regular and Legato, keeping as many notes down as possible.

In the performance of Preludes, all formality or precision of time must be avoided; they must appear to be the birth of the moment, the effusion of fancy, for which reason it may be observed that the measure or time is not always marked at Preludes.

As this style of playing ad libitum, without measure is so difficult, I have occasionally introduced Bars, as guides to shew where the Bass should be thrown in.

The running passages must move without the slightest interruption, both hands acting independantly of each other.

I have before stated, that the three first styles of Preludes may have for conclusion or finale any of the Codas of the 4th or 5th style, that is; a Prelude in the Key of C of either the 1st 2^d or 3^d style may have for its finale, (instead of its concluding Chord) any of the Codas in C of the 4th style, or the Codas attached to the Preludes of the 5th style in C.

By this means, and by transposing certain preludes in different keys, the Scholar may form endless variety, and with perseverance become so habituated to passages, Arpeggios and Modulation, that the Ear will imperceptibly guide the fingers, and direct the fancy to model preludes in various shapes. —

PRELUDES. (First Style.)

Being an exercise of the Perfect and Seventh Chord; NB. The octave below the Treble may or may not be added to the perfect chords of the following Preludes — and the Bass also may be played as octaves thus: Example



PRELUDES.

Key of C Major.

Majors.

Key of C Minor.

G D A E B

Minors.

Majors.

D flat.

F Sharp. (written as C sharp Minor)

A flat. E flat. B flat. F

Minors.

In the following Preludes, (style the second) the Basses may be played as octaves, and to all the chords in the Treble the octave below may be added except to the last but one. Ex:



PRELUDES, (Second Style,)

or Complete Common Prelude.

C Major.

Majors. {

C Minor. G D A

Minors. {

D flat. E B F sharp. (written as C sharp Minor.)

Minors. {

A flat. E flat. B flat. F

Minors. {

If the hand is not extensive enough to play the next Preludes, (third style) those of the second style may be played Arpeggio.

thus. {

leaving out
one note
of the last
chord but
one.

or
this
way. {

The Basses of the next set of Preludes may either be played simply as Octaves, or as Chords, and it would be better for the Pupil to learn them at first without Chords in the Bass, that is leaving out the two middle notes of each Bass Chord —or to play the three first Basses as Octaves, and the next two as Chords .—

PRELUDES, (Third Style,)

or Arpeggio of Common Prelude.

Majors.

Minors.

Key of C.

G

D

A

E

B

NB. this may be played a position (or octave) lower.

NB. this may be played a position lower.

PRELUDES. (Third Style.)

Majors.

F sharp.

D flat.

NB. written as C sharp minor.

Majors.

A flat.

E flat.

Majors.

B flat.

F

Minors.

The position of any of the foregoing preludes may be changed, that is they may be played an octave higher or lower to suit the CODA.

To any of the foregoing styles of Preludes, the following Coda's or Finales of the same key may be substituted instead of their concluding chord, marked NB. in the next Example.

For instance; after the follow-ing Prelude, instead of the chord marked NB. play either of the Coda's in that key.

Prelude from 3d style.

NB.

CODAS or FINALES, In MAJOR KEYS.
 (Fourth Style.)

In the Key of C.

1st. Coda.

2^d. Coda.

3^d. Coda.

4th. Coda.

5th. Coda.

In the Key of G.

1st. Coda.

2^d. Coda.

3^d. Coda.

4th. Coda.

5th. Coda.

In the Key of D.

1st. Coda.

2^d. Coda.

3^d. Coda.

4th. Coda.

CODAS, MAJOR KEYS.

(Fourth Style.)

In the Key of A.

1st Coda. 2^d Coda.

3^d Coda. 4th Coda.

In the Key of E.

1st Coda. 2^d Coda.

3^d Coda. 4th Coda.

In the Key of B.

1st Coda. 2^d Coda.

3^d Coda.

CODAS, MAJOR KEYS.
 (Fourth Style.)

In the Key of A flat.



1st. Coda. 2^d Coda.

In the Key of E flat.



1st. Coda. 2^d. Coda. 3^d. Coda.

In the Key of B flat.



1st. Coda. 2^d. Coda.

3^d. Coda. 4th. Coda.

In the Key of F.



1st. Coda. 2^d. Coda.

3^d. Coda. 4th. Coda.

CODAS or FINALES, In MINOR KEYS.
 (Fourth Style.)

In the Key of C Minor.

1st Coda. 2nd Coda.

3rd Coda. 4th Coda. 5th Coda.

In the Key of G Minor.

1st Coda. 2nd Coda. 3^d Coda.

4th Coda. 5th Coda.

In the Key of D Minor.

1st Coda. 2nd Coda.

3^d Coda. 4th Coda.

CODAS, MINOR KEYS.

(Fourth Style.)

In the Key of A Minor.

1st Coda. 2^d Coda. 3^d Coda. 4th Coda.

In the Key of E Minor.

1st Coda. 2^d Coda. 3^d Coda. 4th Coda.

In the Key of B Minor.

1st Coda. 2^d Coda. 3^d Coda.

CODAS — MINOR KEYS
(Fourth Style.)

In the Key of A flat Minor.

In the Key of E flat Minor.

In the Key of B flat Minor.

In the Key of F Minor.

Any of the foregoing Coda's will also serve as Capo's or Introductions, substituting for the last single note in the Bass with the pause (♩) any of the Coda's of the following preludes.

For instance; After the following prelude (taken from the 1st Coda page 9.) instead of the last single note in the Bass marked. **NB.** play any of the Coda's attached to the following Capo's. (which are purposely divided by a Bar to distinguish them from their Capo's) that are in the same key.



CAPOS or Introductions with suitable CODAS forming entire PRELUDES.
in MAJOR KEYS. (Fifth Style.)

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NB. Those Arpegios marked ad lib: & inclosed by dots may or may not be repeated or may be played simply as a Chord.

1st Prelude.

In the Key of C. Capo.

ad lib:
Coda.

2^d Prelude.

Capo.

ad lib
Coda.

3^d Prelude.

Capo.

loco
Coda

4th Prelude.

Capo.

ad lib:
Coda

5th Prelude.

Capo.

gva
ad lib:
Coda

1st Prelude.

In the Key of G. Capo.

Coda

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CAPO'S &c. MAJOR KEYS.

(Fifth Style.)

2^d. Prelude.

3^d. Prelude.

4th Prelude, loco

5th Prelude.

In the Key of D.

1st Prelude, loco

2^d. Prelude.

3^d. Prelude.

4th Prelude.

In the Key of A.

1st Prelude.

ad lib:

CAPO'S &c. MAJOR KEYS. (Fifth Style.)

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2d Prelude.

Musical score for the 2d Prelude in G major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The music features a series of eighth-note patterns connected by slurs. The word "Capo." appears on both staves. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

3d Prelude.

Musical score for the 3d Prelude in G major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The music features eighth-note patterns with slurs. The words "8va" and "loco" appear above the top staff. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

4th Prelude. loco

Musical score for the 4th Prelude in G major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The music features eighth-note patterns with slurs. The words "8va" and "loco" appear above the top staff. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

&c.
same Coda
as before.

Musical score for the 1st Prelude in E major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The music features eighth-note patterns with slurs. The words "8va" and "loco" appear above the top staff. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

2d Prelude.

Musical score for the 2d Prelude in E major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The music features eighth-note patterns with slurs. The words "8va" and "loco" appear above the top staff. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

Musical score for the 1st Prelude in A flat major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The music features eighth-note patterns with slurs. The words "8va" and "loco" appear above the top staff. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

Musical score for the 2d Prelude in A flat major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The music features eighth-note patterns with slurs. The words "8va" and "loco" appear above the top staff. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

Musical score for the 3d Prelude in A flat major (Fifth Style). The score consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The music features eighth-note patterns with slurs. The words "8va" and "loco" appear above the top staff. The score concludes with a "Coda." section.

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CAPO'S &c — MAJOR KEYS (Fifth Style)

4th Prelude. 8va - - - loco Coda.

In the Key of B flat. Capo. 1st Prelude. Coda.

2^d Prelude. ad lib: 3^d Prelude. 8va - - - loco &c Coda as before

Capo. Coda. Capo.

4th Prelude. Coda.

Capo.

In the Key of F. Capo. 1st Prelude. 8va - - - loco Coda.

2^d Prelude. 8va - - - loco 3^d Prelude. 8va - - - loco ad lib: Coda as before

Capo. &c; Coda as before Capo.

4th Prelude. 8va - - - loco Coda as before.

Capo.

CAPO'S with suitable **CODA'S** in the Minor Keys
forming entire **PRELUDES.** (Fifth Style.)

1st Prelude.

In the Key of C Minor.

2^d Prelude.

3^d Prelude.

4th Prelude.

5th Prelude.

1st Prelude.

In the Key of G Minor.

2^d Prelude.

3^d Prelude.

4th Prelude.

1st Prelude. CAPO'S &c MINOR KEYS (Fifth Style.)

In the Key of D Minor.

1st Prelude. 8^{va} - - - loco
Capo. Coda.

2^d Prelude. 8^{va} - - - loco
Capo. Coda as before.
3^d Prelude. Capo. Coda.

4th Prelude. 8^{va} - - - loco
Capo. Coda.

In the Key of A Minor.

1st Prelude. ad lib: Coda.
Capo. 2^d Prelude. Capo.

Coda. 3^d Prelude. 8^{va} - - - loco
Capo. Coda as before.

In the Key of E Minor.

1st Prelude. 8^{va} - - - loco
Capo. Coda.

2^d Prelude. 8^{va} - - - loco
Capo. Coda as before.

1st Prelude. CAPO'S &c. MINOR KEYS. (Fifth Style.)

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In the Key of A flat Minor.

Capo.

Ist Prelude. Coda.

loco ad lib: Coda.

2^d Prelude. 8va Capo.

loco Coda as before. In the Key of B flat Minor. Capo. ad lib: Coda.

2^d Prelude. 8va loco Coda. Capo. Coda as before.

Ist Prelude. ad lib: Coda.

In the Key of F. Minor. Capo.

2^d Prelude. 8va loco Coda.

3^d Prelude. ad lib: Coda.

Ist Prelude. ad lib: Coda.

2^d Prelude. 8va loco Coda.

3^d Prelude. ad lib: Coda.

22 COMPLETE PRELUDES or CAPRICCIOS in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)

1st. Prelude
in C. { *con forza*

2^d. Prelude
in C. { *Tutto legato*
Andante

3^d. Prelude.
in G. { *Grazioso*

PRELUDES in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)

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4th Prelude *legato.*

in F.

5th Prelude *Allegro Maestoso.*

in D.

Andante Cantabile.

6th Prelude.
in B flat.

mez
con espres:

8va - - - loco
sf f
dim calando p
ad lib:

Andante Maestoso.

7th Prelude
in A.

mez
sf

8va - - - loco
f
sf
cres

p ff

PRELUDES in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)



Andante Cantabile con molto express:

8th Prelude in E flat.

legato assai

This section shows a continuation of the melodic line with eighth-note patterns and sustained notes, maintaining the tempo and expression indicated above.

accel:

This section indicates an acceleration in tempo. The dynamic ff (fortissimo) is used, followed by ff (fortissimo) again. The piano part features eighth-note chords, and the melody is played in sixteenth-note patterns.

loco

9th Prelude in E.

Andante.

sf

ten

This section begins with a melodic line in eighth notes, followed by a series of sixteenth-note patterns. The dynamic sf (sforzando) is used, followed by tenuto (ten).

This section continues the melodic line with sixteenth-note patterns, maintaining the tempo and dynamic markings established in the previous section.

The musical score consists of six staves of piano music. The first two staves are in G major (two sharps) and show a melodic line with dynamic markings like *f* and *ten.*, followed by a bass line with a sustained note. The third staff begins with a dynamic *f* and *ten.*, leading into a section labeled *morendo*. The fourth staff is labeled *Andante*, *mez*, and *loco*. The fifth staff is labeled *loco* and *Legato*. The sixth staff concludes with a dynamic *accel.*

**10th Prelude
in A flat.**

PRELUDES in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)
Andante Cantabile.

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11th Prelude
in. G.

12th Prelude
in. F.

Andante.

PRELUDES in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)

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PRELUDES in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)

br cres

Cantabile

legato.

ten *sf* *f* *dim* morendo. 8va - loco

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PRELUDES in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)

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Allegro con brio.

13th Prelude in C.

The sheet music consists of eight staves of musical notation for two voices. The first staff starts with a dynamic of *f* and a tempo marking of *tutto legato*. The key signature changes frequently, indicated by various sharps and flats. The second staff begins with a dynamic of *bass*. The third staff starts with a dynamic of *dim*. The fourth staff starts with a dynamic of *cres*. The fifth staff starts with a dynamic of *dim*. The sixth staff features a 2/4 time signature. The seventh staff starts with a dynamic of *f*. The eighth staff starts with a dynamic of *sf*.

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PRELUDES in MAJOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)

ff dim

pp

Andante poco lento

14. Prelude
in B flat.

cres sf

slent; dim.

pp

morendo

PRELUDES in MINOR KEYS (Sixth Style.)

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15th. Prelude
in A Minor.

Molto. *cres* *p*
legato. Andante affettuoso.

16th. Prelude
in G Minor.

p con espress: *f*
8va - - - loco

17th. Prelude
in D Minor.

f Presto
ff *p legato*
ten

18th Prelude
in F Minor.

Piu tosto lento e piangevole.

19th Prelude
in C Minor.

Andante con espress

mez

calando

cres

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ped

PRELUDES in MINOR KEYS. (Sixth Style.)

33

loco

il piu presto possibile.

gva

s'io alto

ten

loco

gva

20th Prelude
in E Minor.

lentamente e assai ad lib.

p Con molto espresso

cres

dim

pp

morendo

FINE.