

Music

How is a ground bass related to chords?

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Quick recap: Write down everything you know about the basso continuo.

Type of music?

Instruments?

Role?



Quick recap: playing the ground bass

- What hand on the keyboard should you use for the bass clef? What fingers should you use?
- If you are on another instrument, what part of your instrument will you play it in? (what pitch?)

The image shows a musical staff in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eight quarter notes: D, A, B, F#, G, D, G, A. Above the staff, a box contains the fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2. Below the staff, another box contains the note names: D, A, B, F#, G, D, G, A.



How can we make triads from a scale?

TRIAD	5th	A	B	C#	D	E	F#	G
	3rd	F#	G	A	B	C#	D	E
	Root	D	E	F#	G	A	B	C#

- Play the triads on your instrument or app.
- Which are major triads and which are minor?
How do you know?
- Which triads are more important? Choose 3.



Triads in Pachelbel's Canon

TRIAD	5th	A	B	C#	D	E	F#	G
	3rd	F#	G	A	B	C#	D	E
	Root	D	E	F#	G	A	B	C#
Chord name	D major	E minor	F# minor	G major	A major	B minor	C#dim	
Position	I	ii	iii	IV	V	vi	vii	
	Primary	Secondary	Secondary	Primary	Primary	Secondary		

The musical score shows the first seven measures of Pachelbel's Canon in D major. The treble clef staff contains the chords, and the bass clef staff contains the root notes. The chords are: D major, A major, B minor, F# minor, G major, D major, G major, and A major. The B minor and F# minor chords are highlighted with pink boxes, and the G major, D major, G major, and A major chords are highlighted with blue boxes.



Practising the inversions

F#	A	F#	F#	F#	G	E	
D	E	F#	C#	D	D	D	C#
A	C#	D	A	B	A	B	A

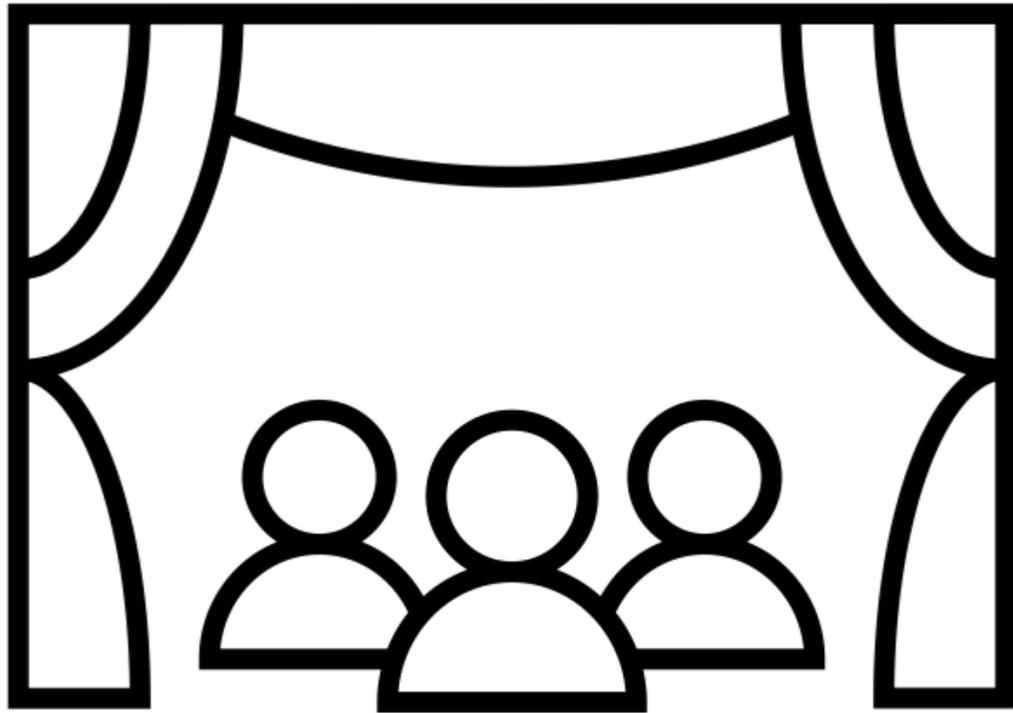
Musical notation for a piano exercise in D major, 4/4 time. The right hand plays chords in the treble clef, and the left hand plays single notes in the bass clef. The piece consists of eight measures.

D	A	Bm	F#m	G	D	G	A
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Perform the basso continuo

You can listen to the track on the worksheet to help you



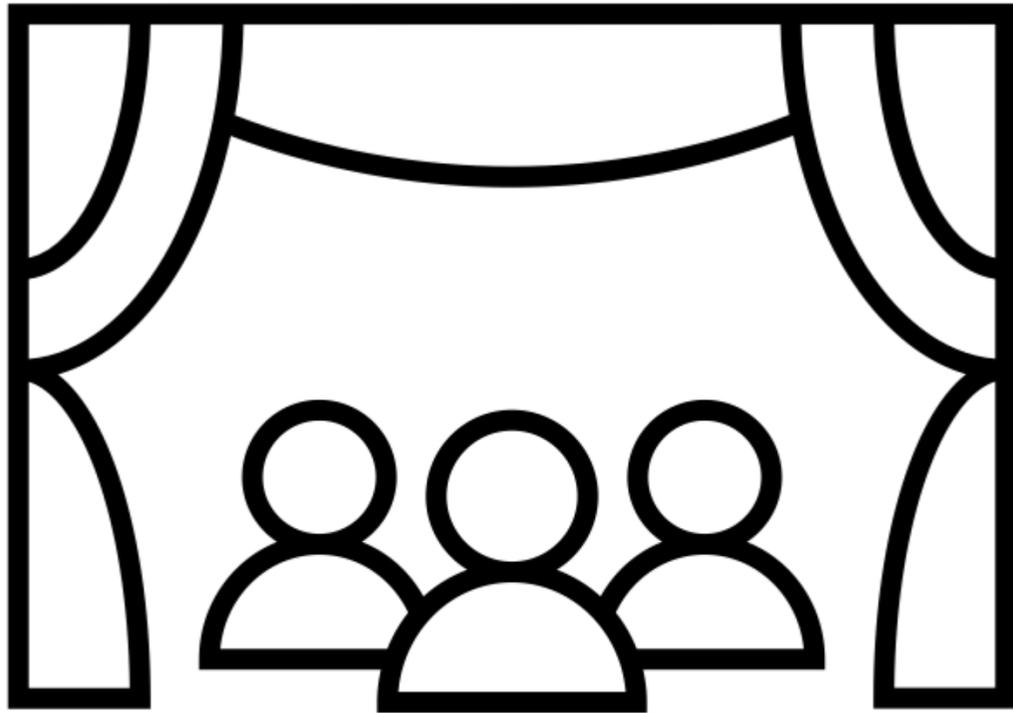
Your options:

- Perform both parts yourself.
- Perform with a member of your household.



Perform the basso continuo as part of a Baroque ensemble

You can listen to the backing track on the worksheet to help you



- Perform both parts.
- Perform the ground bass.
- Perform the chords.



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