

THE SECRETS OF ORCHESTRATION

CHORD VOICING



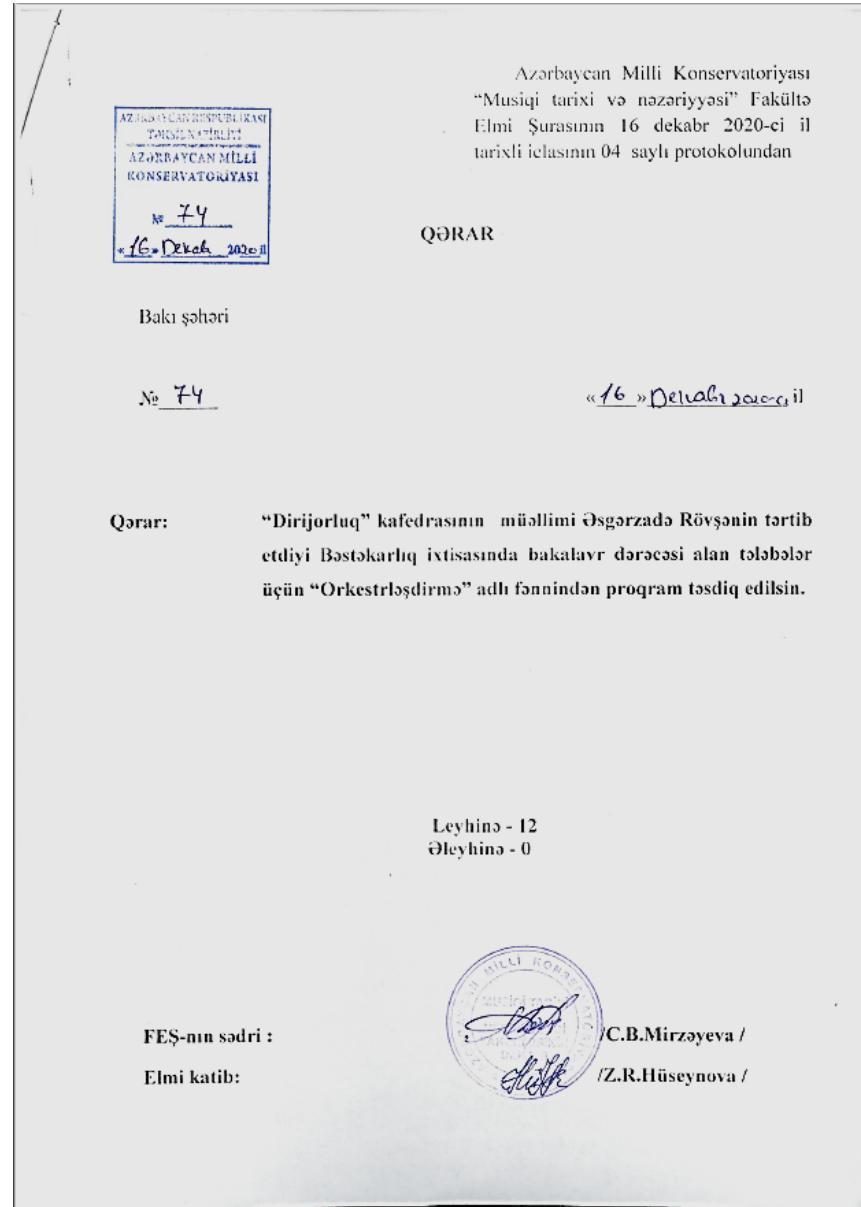
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This online orchestration course is based on
the curriculum lectures of “Orchestration” taught to
Azerbaijan National Conservatory
“Composition” major undergraduate students
in the 2nd and 3rd semesters.

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PART ONE

Orchestral Chord Voicings

Chapter 1.
Woodwind Section

Lectures
Several-part Modern Harmony



Chapter 1. Woodwind Section

Lecture 8b.

Several-part Harmony
(cluster chords and poly-chords)



In C score

Fl.

Cl.

✖

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Pno.

Chromatic cluster

Fl.

Cl.

✓



In C score

A musical score for three instruments: Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), and Bassoon (Bsn.). The score is in C major. The Flute has a sharp (F#) on the fourth line. The Clarinet has a flat (Bb) on the third line. The Bassoon has a sharp (F#) on the second line. A red circle with a cross (X) is positioned below the score.

less effective

A musical score for three instruments: Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), and Bassoon (Bsn.). The score is in C major. The Flute has a sharp (F#) on the fourth line. The Clarinet has a flat (Bb) on the third line. The Bassoon has a sharp (F#) on the second line. A green circle with a checkmark (✓) is positioned below the score.

A musical score for three instruments: Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), and Bassoon (Bsn.). The score is in C major. The Oboe has a flat (Bb) on the fourth line. The Clarinet has a flat (Bb) on the third line. The Bassoon has a sharp (F#) on the second line. A green circle with a checkmark (✓) is positioned below the score.

A musical score for Piano (Pno.) showing a chromatic cluster with a tritone. The notes include a flat (Bb), a double sharp (F#), a sharp (F#), and another sharp (F#). The piano staff has a treble clef.

Chromatic cluster with tritone



In C score

Fl. $\flat 8$

Fl. $\flat 8$

Ob. $\sharp 8$

Eng. Hn. $\sharp 8$

Cl. $\sharp 8$

Cl. $\flat 8$

Fl. $\flat 8$

Ob. $\sharp 8$

Cl. $\sharp 8$

Bsn. $\sharp 8$

Bsn. $\flat 8$

Fl. $\flat 8$

Ob. $\sharp 8$

Cl. $\flat 8$

Bsn. $\flat 8$

Fl. $\flat 8$

Ob. $\sharp 8$

Cl. $\sharp 8$

Bsn. $\flat 8$

Pno. $\flat 8$

Polychord

Cmaj F \sharp maj E \flat maj

✓ ✓ ✗
less effective



In C score

A piano score with two staves. The treble staff has notes A, C, E. The bass staff has notes C, E, G.

Chords by chromatic minor triads

Three chords shown on a single staff:

- Cm: Notes A, C, E
- C[#]m: Notes A, C[#], E[#]
- Dm: Notes B, D, F

Wind section score with five staves:

- Flute (Fl.): Notes A, C[#], E[#]
- Oboe (Ob.): Notes A, C, E
- Clarinet (Cl.): Notes A, C, E
- Bassoon (Bsn.): Notes B, D, F
- C Bassoon (Cbsn.): Notes B, D, F

A green checkmark is located below the C Bassoon staff.

Wind section score with six staves:

- Oboe (Ob.): Notes A, C[#], E[#]
- English Horn (Eng. Hn.): Notes A, C, E
- Clarinet (Cl.): Notes A, C, E
- Bassoon (B. Cl.): Notes B, D, F
- Bassoon (Bsn.): Notes B, D, F
- C Bassoon (Cbsn.): Notes B, D, F

A green checkmark is located below the C Bassoon staff.



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