

THE SECRETS OF ORCHESTRATION

TEXTURE MAKING

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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 TWO

Texture Making

Chapter 2. Asgarzade's Methods

Stretch-basic & Spread

Texture no.19



“Melody”

Composer: R. Asgarzade

Cmaj Fmaj Cmaj Gmaj Cmaj/A Fmaj Gmaj Cmaj

3/4



In C Score

Device no.19

“Melody”

One-part device (unison)

Heartily $\text{♩} = 170$

Composer: R. Asgarzade

a2

Bsn.1,2

Pno.

Vc.

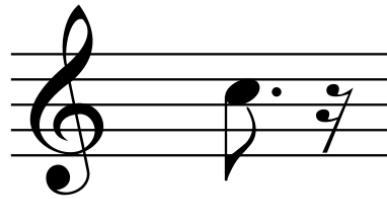


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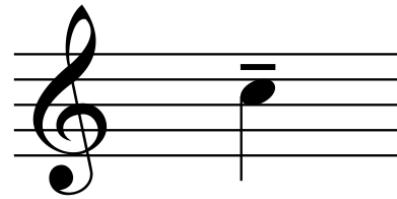
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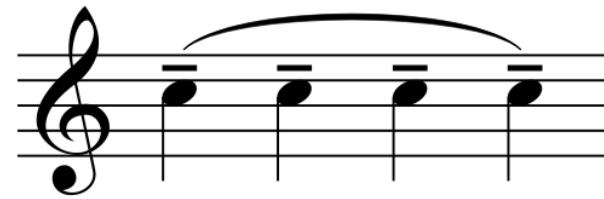
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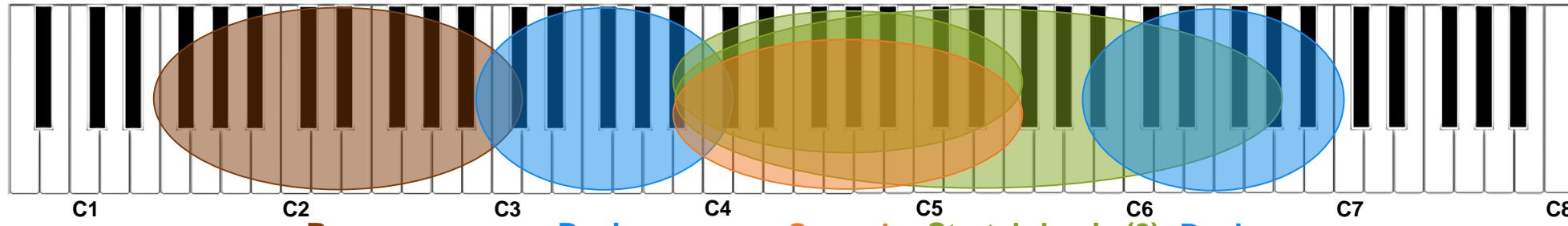
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In C score



Bass

Device
“ensemble”

Spread
“overlay”
Stretch-basic (1)
“overlay”

Stretch-basic (2)
“overlay”
Device
“ensemble”

A musical score consisting of six staves of music. The staves are color-coded and correspond to the sections of the piano keyboard diagram above:

- Blue staff:** Treble clef, 3/4 time, note C3. It shows a single note at the start and a grace note above it later.
- Green staff:** Treble clef, 3/4 time, note C4. It shows a eighth-note followed by a sixteenth-note, then another eighth-note.
- Orange staff:** Treble clef, 3/4 time, note C5. It shows a quarter note followed by a half note.
- Blue staff:** Treble clef, 3/4 time, note C6. It shows a quarter note followed by a half note.
- Orange staff:** Bass clef, 3/4 time, note C2. It shows a half note followed by a quarter note.
- Brown staff:** Bass clef, 3/4 time, note C1. It shows a quarter note followed by two eighth notes.

Texture no.19



(In C score) Heartily $\text{J} = 170$

Musical score for Texture no. 19, page 1. The score consists of eight staves:

- Fl.1,2 (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mp , p .
- Ob.1,2 (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics p .
- Eng.Hn. (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics p .
- Cl.1,2 (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics $a2$, p , mp .
- Bsn.1,2 (Bass clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mf .
- Hn.1,2 (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics p .
- Hn.3,4 (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics p , p , p , p .
- Sus.Cym. (Cymbal staff, 3/4 time): Dynamics pp .
- Hp. (Double bass clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mp .

Articulations include slurs, grace notes, and dynamic markings like $pizz.$ and $poco cresc.$

Page 1.

Musical score for Texture no. 19, page 1. The score consists of six staves:

- P.no (Bass clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mf .
- Vln.1 (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mf .
- Vln.2 (Treble clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mp , $poco cresc.$.
- Vla. (Bass clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics $pizz.$
- Vc. (Bass clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mf , $pizz.$.
- Cb. (Bass clef, 3/4 time): Dynamics mp .

Texture no.19

Device

"ensemble"

Stretch-basic

"overlap"

Spread

"overlap"

Bass



Fl.
Ob.
Eng. Hn.
Cl.
Bsn.
Hn.
Hn.
Sus.Cym.
mp
Hp.

Pno.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
mf
Vcl.
Cb.

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