

# **Random Partials (1-16th harmonic) Version 2.1**

Durata approx. 40-42 minutes

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This work explores the sonic differences between harmonic partials (just intonation) on the double bass and the well-tempered piano. The material consists of 64 different partials on the double bass, 16 on each string, which are combined with the piano's unison harmonious tones, sometimes creating pulsating interference tones of various intensity. The partials have been randomly chosen by a computer program until all partials are used.

Random number series:

49, 36, 61, 38, 61, 16, 32, 35, 32, 26, 4, 13, 61, 56, 39, 59, 44, 32, 23, 30, 31, 18, 33, 60, 59, 2, 43, 26, 37, 18, 54, 54, 37, 45, 56, 34, 23, 43, 25, 27, 12, 1, 4, 45, 44, 64, 54, 28, 49, 41, 29, 51, 37, 36, 62, 4, 24, 40, 23, 50, 41, 43, 58, 39, 62, 47, 47, 53, 53, 39, 27, 50, 11, 36, 51, 38, 52, 22, 7, 58, 24, 57, 41, 7, 6, 13, 12, 60, 17, 8, 47, 4, 22, 19, 13, 41, 6, 20, 19, 57, 53, 16, 4, 34, 42, 44, 30, 63, 40, 1, 45, 13, 50, 64, 21, 18, 36, 49, 61, 59, 7, 41, 28, 51, 10, 39, 58, 29, 1, 48, 12, 56, 54, 22, 38, 7, 48, 23, 54, 54, 14, 52, 34, 22, 29, 9, 60, 56, 64, 5, 28, 49, 63, 42, 36, 26, 63, 39, 26, 7, 24, 60, 55, 30, 19, 57, 27, 2, 18, 24, 63, 50, 49, 4, 3, 44, 25, 26, 54, 34, 37, 5, 41, 17, 50, 11, 13, 1, 1, 53, 22, 1, 42, 36, 28, 35, 51, 5, 1, 56, 42, 31, 47, 1, 35, 55, 34, 5, 44, 47, 36, 3, 20, 22, 45, 30, 9, 20, 24, 18, 17, 49, 41, 32, 27, 3, 23, 22, 21, 64, 8, 31, 53, 48, 42, 45, 6, 16, 62, 18, 48, 4, 2, 9, 9, 48, 36, 32, 33, 34, 39, 58, 2, 11, 46, 19, 25, 13, 58, 20, 5, 5, 59, 34, 43, 61, 32, 34, 29, 24, 20, 52, 59, 28, 9, 15

String 1:

Partials 1-16 correspond with numbers 1-16

String 2:

Partials 1-16 correspond with numbers 17-32

String 3:

Partials 1-16 correspond with numbers 33-48

String 4:

Partials 1-16 correspond with numbers 49-64

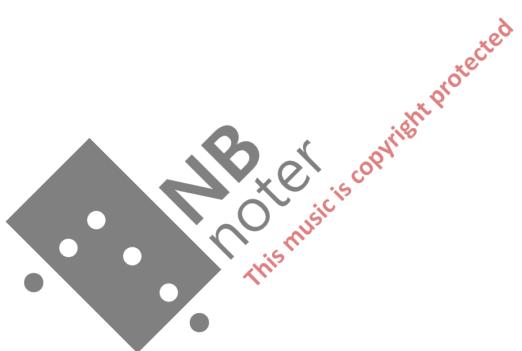
**Number series: Appearances in piece:**

1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
2	x	x	x	x						
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5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
6	x	x	x							
7	x	x	x	x	x					
8	x	x								
9	x	x	x	x	x					
10	x									
11	x	x	x							
12	x	x	x							
13	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
14	x									
15	x									
16	x	x	x							
17	x	x	x							
18	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
19	x	x	x	x						
20	x	x	x	x	x					
21	x	x								
22	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
23	x	x	x	x	x					
24	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
25	x	x	x							
26	x	x	x	x	x					
27	x	x	x	x						
28	x	x	x	x	x					
29	x	x	x	x						
30	x	x	x	x						
31	x	x	x							
32	x	x	x	x	x	x				
33	x	x								
34	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
35	x	x	x							
36	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
37	x	x	x	x						
38	x	x	x							
39	x	x	x	x	x	x				
40	x	x								
41	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
42	x	x	x	x	x					
43	x	x	x	x						
44	x	x	x	x	x					
45	x	x	x	x	x					
46	x									
47	x	x	x	x	x					
48	x	x	x	x	x					
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61	x	x	x	x	x						
62	x	x	x								
63	x	x	x	x							
64	x	x	x	x							



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30

+2  
+2  
-14  
+41  
-31  
-49  
+4

II/2 IV/6 IV/6 III/5 III/13 IV/8 III/2 II/7 III/11 II/9

-49 +2 +41 +2 +2 +2

II/11 I/12 I/1 I/4 III/13 III/12 IV/16 IV/6 II/12 IV/1

+4 +41 +2 -14 -31 -31

III/9 II/13 IV/3 III/5 III/4 IV/14 I/4 II/8 III/8 II/7

+4 -49 -14 -31 -31 -12 -12

IV/2 III/9 III/11 IV/10 III/7 IV/14 III/15 III/15 IV/5 IV/5

70

-31 -49 -49 +2 -31 3

III/7 II/11 IV/2 I/11 III/4 IV/3 III/6 IV/4 II/6 I/7

-14 +4 +4 -31 +2 +41 +2 +2

IV/10 II/8 IV/9 III/9 I/7 I/6 I/13 I/12 IV/12 II/1

-12 +2 +2 +41 +4 +2 +2 +2

I/8 III/15 I/4 II/6 II/3 I/13 III/9 I/6 II/4 II/3

+4 -14 +4 -14 +2 -31 -12

IV/9 IV/5 1/16 I/4 III/2 III/10 III/12 II/14 IV/15 III/8

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110      +41  
 I/1      III/13      I/13      IV/2      IV/16      II/5      II/2      III/4      IV/1      IV/13

-49      -31      +4      +2      +2      -14      -31      -14      +41  
 IV/11      I/7      III/9      II/12      IV/3      I/10      III/7      IV/10      II/13      I/1

130      +2  
 III/16      I/12      IV/8      IV/6      II/6      III/6      I/7      III/16      II/7      IV/6

140      +2      31  
 IV/6      I/14      IV/4      III/2      II/6      II/13      I/9      IV/12      IV/8      IV/16

150

-14, +2  
C. , ≡

-12, -14  
C. , C. #.

-14, -12  
C. , C. #.

-14, -31  
C. , C. #.

-14, 5  
C. , ≡

I/5 II/12 IV/1 IV/15 III/10 III/4 II/10 IV/15 III/7 II/10

160

-31, +2  
C. , ≡

-31, +2  
C. , ≡

-31, +4  
C. , ≡

-49  
C. , ≡

I/7 II/8 IV/12 IV/7 II/14 II/3 IV/9 II/11 I/2 II/2

170

-12  
C. #.

+2, +4  
C. , C. #.

-14, +2  
C. , C. #.

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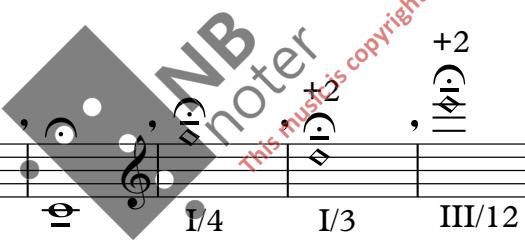
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-14, -14  
C. , C. #.

-14, -14  
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C. , ≡

III/2 III/5 I/5 I/5 II/1 IV/2 I/11 I/13 I/1 I/1



6

190

-14 +2 -14 +2 +2 -14

IV/5 II/6 I/1 III/10 III/4 II/12 III/3 IV/3 I/5 I/1

200

-14 -12 -12 +2 -31 -14 +2

IV/8 III/10 II/15 III/15 I/1 III/3 IV/7 III/2 I/5 III/12

210 -12 +2 +2 -31 +4

III/15 III/4 I/3 II/4 II/6 III/13 II/14 I/9 II/4 II/8

220 +4 -49 +2 -31 +2 -14

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269 +41 -49 +2 +4 -12  
