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### Tunes for Learning Intervals

The ability to recognize and sing musical intervals is an essential skill for any practising musician. Students have always used the first two notes of familiar tunes as a means of learning intervals. The chart below is a reference list of tunes that can be used for this purpose, and includes well-known folk melodies, pop tunes, TV themes, jazz standards, classical melodies, and tonic sol-fa syllables. This chart does not include every melody that might be employed. Students are encouraged to personalize the list by adding to it tunes that are especially familiar, or particularly attractive to them. We also recommend that students sing, play and listen to all intervals, both in their melodic form (notes sounding in sequence) and their harmonic form (both notes sounding simultaneously).

#### Ascending Intervals:

Minor 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pink Panther / Jaws
Major 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frere Jacques / O Susanna
Minor 3 <sup>rd</sup>	O Canada / Greensleeves
Major 3 <sup>rd</sup>	O when the Saints / Major Triad
Perfect 4 <sup>th</sup>	Amazing Grace / Here comes the Bride / O Tannenbaum
Augmented 4 <sup>th</sup> / Diminished 5 <sup>th</sup> / Tritone	The Simpsons
Perfect 5 <sup>th</sup>	Star Wars / Twinkle Twinkle / God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Minor 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Entertainer / Because (Beatles)
Major 6 <sup>th</sup>	My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean / Dashing thru the Snow / Take the "A" Train
Minor 7 <sup>th</sup>	There's a Place For Us / Star Trek Theme
Major 7 <sup>th</sup>	Superman Theme / Fantasy Island Theme
Perfect Octave / Perfect 8	Somewhere Over the Rainbow / Paper Moon

#### Descending Intervals:

Minor 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fur Elise / Stella By Starlight
Major 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Had a Little Lamb / Three Blind Mice / Satin Doll
Minor 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Star Spangled Banner / Hey Jude / Misty
Major 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beethoven's 5 <sup>th</sup> Symphony / Summertime
Perfect 4 <sup>th</sup>	Born Free / Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
Augmented 4 <sup>th</sup> / Diminished 5 <sup>th</sup> / Tritone	Even Flow(Pearl Jam) / YYY (Rush) / Blues Seven (Sonny Rollins)
Perfect 5 <sup>th</sup>	Feelings / Flintstones Themes
Minor 6 <sup>th</sup>	Love Story Theme
Major 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nobody Knows the Trouble I See / Bye Bye Blues
Minor 7 <sup>th</sup>	Watermelon Man (Herbie Hancock)
Major 7 <sup>th</sup>	I Love You (Cole Porter)
Perfect Octave / Perfect 8	Willow Weep for Me