

Introduction to Figured Bass

Lesson Objective

Introduce students to triad inversion and how to express them through figured bass.

Lesson Plans

- Explain triad inversions and why they are used. Two of the main reason for using different inversions is to create more interesting bass motion and create a more or less stable sound.
- Introduce figured bass and how it expresses the inversions of triads.
- Have students practice assigning figured bass symbols to spelled chords and fill in the notes of a chord given a figured bass symbol and bottom note of the chord.
- For more advanced students, analyze a piece of music with roman numerals and figured bass.