

KEYS

for Keyboard players

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KEYS is a work for 2 to 4 players and one Keyboard instrument (piano, e-piano, cembalo, clavecin, etc). The score consists of 69 pages, with eight different instructions on each page. Performers should cut the instructions off the pages prior to the performance, in order to create a pack of 552 cards, with one indication on each.

The performers should then choose collectively (prior to the performance) 52 to 552 cards to perform. Cards should not be chosen in random but following a system found by the performers or simply by collective work between the performers (in no case cards should be chosen individually). Before every rehearsal or concert the players should shuffle the pack of chosen cards so that there is no way of knowing the sequence of the cards in hand. All performers should play from this one pack of cards, which has been chosen collectively. This pack is to be placed on top of the piano, and all players are to read from the same card, found face up on top of the pack. Each player should take their own time to perform this card, regardless of whether this overlaps with the time of other players.

The player who plays a card last should play first on the next card. Once all players have completed a card, this player should therefore be the one to turn to the next card and start playing this card *attacca* or after a very brief consideration. There should not be a pre-arranged sequence to determine which performer changes the card next each time. Players should remain completely still when not playing. You are encouraged to perform your chosen action(s) as naturally as possible. Extreme displays and theatrics should be avoided at all costs.



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Minimum duration of performance: 6 minutes.

Muted	= press the Key and mute the string with palm or finger
a.f.a.p.	= press Keys as fast as possible
scat.	= scattered (press Keys in random order)
Black/White	= black/white key(s)
V.high/V.low	= Keys in very high/very low register
Sim.	= press Keys simultaneously
All	= on the entire Keyboard
Half Low/Half High	= on one half (the lower or upper register) of the Keyboard

Examples of notation:

1 Key/Long	= press one Key, sustain the sound
Keys/Long	= press two Keys (simultaneously or in succession), sustain the sound
1 Key/Muted/Short	= press one Key shortly, while muting the string
All/Sim/Loud	= play simultaneously and loud all the Keys of the Keyboard
Half Low/Long/ Sim.	= press half of the keyboard keys (lower register) simultaneously and sustain the sound

**1 Key
Long**

**2 Keys
Long**

**3 Keys
Long**

**4 Keys
Long**

**5 Keys
Long**

**1 Key
Short**

**2 Keys
Short**

**3 Keys
Short**

4 Keys
Short

5 Keys
Short

6 Keys
Short

7 Keys
Short

8 Keys
Short

9 Keys
Short

10 Keys
Short

2 Keys
Slow

3 Keys
Slow

4 Keys
Slow

5 Keys
Slow

6 Keys
Slow

2 Keys
Fast

3 Keys
Fast

4 Keys
Fast

5 Keys
Fast

6 Keys

Fast

7 Keys

Fast

8 Keys

Fast

9 Keys

Fast

10 Keys

Fast

2 Keys

a.f.a.p.

3 Keys

a.f.a.p.

4 Keys

a.f.a.p.

5 Keys
a.f.a.p.

6 Keys
a.f.a.p.

7 Keys
a.f.a.p.

8 Keys
a.f.a.p.

9 Keys
a.f.a.p.

10 Keys
a.f.a.p.

2 Keys
Scat.

3 Keys
Scat.

4 Keys

Scat.

5 Keys

Scat.

6 Keys

Scat.

1 Key

Muted

2 Keys

Muted

1 Key

Black

2 Keys

Black

3 Keys

Black

**4 Keys
Black**

**5 Keys
Black**

**1 Key
White**

**2 Keys
White**

**3 Keys
White**

**4 Keys
White**

**5 Keys
White**

**6 Keys
White**

7 Keys
White

1 Key
V.High

2 Keys
V.High

3 Keys
V.High

4 Keys
V.High

5 Keys
V.High

6 Keys
V.High

7 Keys
V.High

8 Keys
V.High

9 Keys
V.High

10 Keys
V.High

1 Key
V.Low

2 Keys
V.Low

3 Keys
V.Low

4 Keys
V.Low

5 Keys
V.Low

6 Keys
V.Low

7 Keys
V.Low

8 Keys
V.Low

9 Keys
V.Low

10 Keys
V.Low

1 Key
Loud

2 Keys
Loud

3 Keys
Loud

4 Keys
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5 Keys
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6 Keys
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7 Keys
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8 Keys
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9 Keys
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10 Keys
Loud

1 Key
Quiet

2 Keys
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2 Keys

Long

Slow

3 Keys

Long

Slow

4 Keys

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5 Keys

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6 Keys

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2 Keys

Long

Scat.

3 Keys

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4 Keys

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5 Keys

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Scat.

6 Keys

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Scat.

1 Key

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2 Keys
Long
V.Low

3 Keys

Long

V.Low

4 Keys

Long

V.Low

5 Keys

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V.Low

1 Key

Long

Loud

2 Keys

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2 Keys
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Muted

2 Keys
Long
Sim.

3 Keys

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Sim.

4 Keys

Long

Sim.

5 Keys

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Sim.

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Long

Sim.

2 Keys

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White

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2 Keys

Scat.

Black

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4 Keys

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5 Keys

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2 Keys

Scat.

White

3 Keys

Scat.

White

4 Keys

Scat.

White

5 Keys

Scat.

White

6 Keys

Scat.

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7 Keys

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Loud

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5 Keys
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6 Keys
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1 Key
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Muted

2 Keys
Short
Muted

1 Key
Short
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2 Keys
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Black

3 Keys
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4 Keys
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5 Keys
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1 Key
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2 Keys
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2 Keys

a.f.a.p.

Scat.

3 Keys

a.f.a.p.

Scat.

4 Keys

a.f.a.p.

Scat.

5 Keys

a.f.a.p.

Scat.

6 Keys

a.f.a.p.

Scat.

2 Keys

a.f.a.p.

Black

3 Keys

a.f.a.p.

Black

4 Keys
a.f.a.p.
Black

5 Keys
a.f.a.p.
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2 Keys
a.f.a.p.
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7 Keys
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V.high

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V.high

6 Keys
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V.high

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a.f.a.p.
V.high

8 Keys
a.f.a.p.
V.high

9 Keys
a.f.a.p.
V.high

10 Keys

a.f.a.p.

V.high

2 Keys

a.f.a.p.

V.Low

3 Keys

a.f.a.p.

V.Low

4 Keys

a.f.a.p.

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9 Keys
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10 Keys
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Loud

3 Keys
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Loud

4 Keys
a.f.a.p.
Loud

5 Keys
a.f.a.p.
Loud

6 Keys
a.f.a.p.
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7 Keys
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9 Keys
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10 Keys
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2 Keys
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9 Keys
a.f.a.p.
Quiet

10 Keys
a.f.a.p.
Quiet

1 Key
Muted
Black

2 Keys
Muted
Black

1 Key
Muted
White

2 Keys
Muted
White

1 Key
Muted
V.High

2 Keys
Muted
V.High

1 Key
Muted
V.Low

2 Keys
Muted
V.Low

1 Key
Muted
Loud

2 Keys
Muted
Loud

1 Key
Muted
Quiet

2 Keys
Muted
Quiet

2 Keys
Black
Sim.

3 Keys
Black
Sim.

4 Keys
Black
Sim.

5 Keys
Black
Sim.

1 Key
Black
V.High

2 Keys
Black
V.High

3 Keys
Black
V.High

4 Keys
Black
V.High

5 Keys
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V.High

1 Key
Long
V.Low

1 Key
Black
V.Low

2 Keys
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V.Low

3 Keys
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V.Low

4 Keys
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V.Low

5 Keys
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1 Key
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7 Keys
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V.High

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2 Keys
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V.Low

3 Keys
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V.Low

4 Keys
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V.Low

5 Keys
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V.Low

6 Keys
White
V.Low

7 Keys
White
V.Low

1 Key
White
Loud

2 Keys
White
Loud

3 Keys
White
Loud

4 Keys
White
Loud

5 Keys
White
Loud

6 Keys
White
Loud

7 Keys
White
Loud

1 Key
White
Quiet

2 Keys
White
Quiet

3 Keys
White
Quiet

4 Keys
White
Quiet

5 Keys

White

Quiet

6 Keys

White

Quiet

7 Keys

White

Quiet

All

Sim.

Loud

All

Sim.

Quiet

Half Low

Long

Sim.

Half Low

Black

Sim.

4 Keys

Scat.

Quiet