

# CIRCLE OF FIFTHS

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# PLAYING MUSIC IS MORE THAN JUST MEMORIZING A BUNCH OF CHORDS ON YOUR INSTRUMENT.

That's difficult. And takes a long time.

# WHAT IS A "FIFTH"

- The Fifth refers to the Perfect Fifth interval of a scale

C Major Scale	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
G Major Scale	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F#</b>	<b>G</b>
Interval Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 / 1
Interval Name	Unison	Major 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Major 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Perfect 4 <sup>th</sup>	Perfect 5 <sup>th</sup>	Major 6 <sup>th</sup>	Major 7 <sup>th</sup>	Octave / Unison
Roman Numeral	I	II / ii	III / iii	IV	V	VI / vi	VII / vii	VIII / I
Scale Degree	Tonic	Super-tonic	Mediant	Sub-dominant	Dominant	Sub-medi-ant	Leading Tone	Tonic



# KEYS

- We all know we play a song in a “key”
- And that there are different keys we can play our songs in
- We usually play in the key of C Major and sometimes G Major
  
- Composers will use different Keys for the same s
- Changing Keys, the song will sound very similar, but some keys will sound better than others
- Some Keys sound better on some instruments (overtones)

# KEYS AND KEY SIGNATURES

- In musical notation (sheet music) the key's “signature” is written on every line
- It tells the musician which key the song is in
- More specifically, it tells the musician which notes to Sharpen or Flatten every time they play it

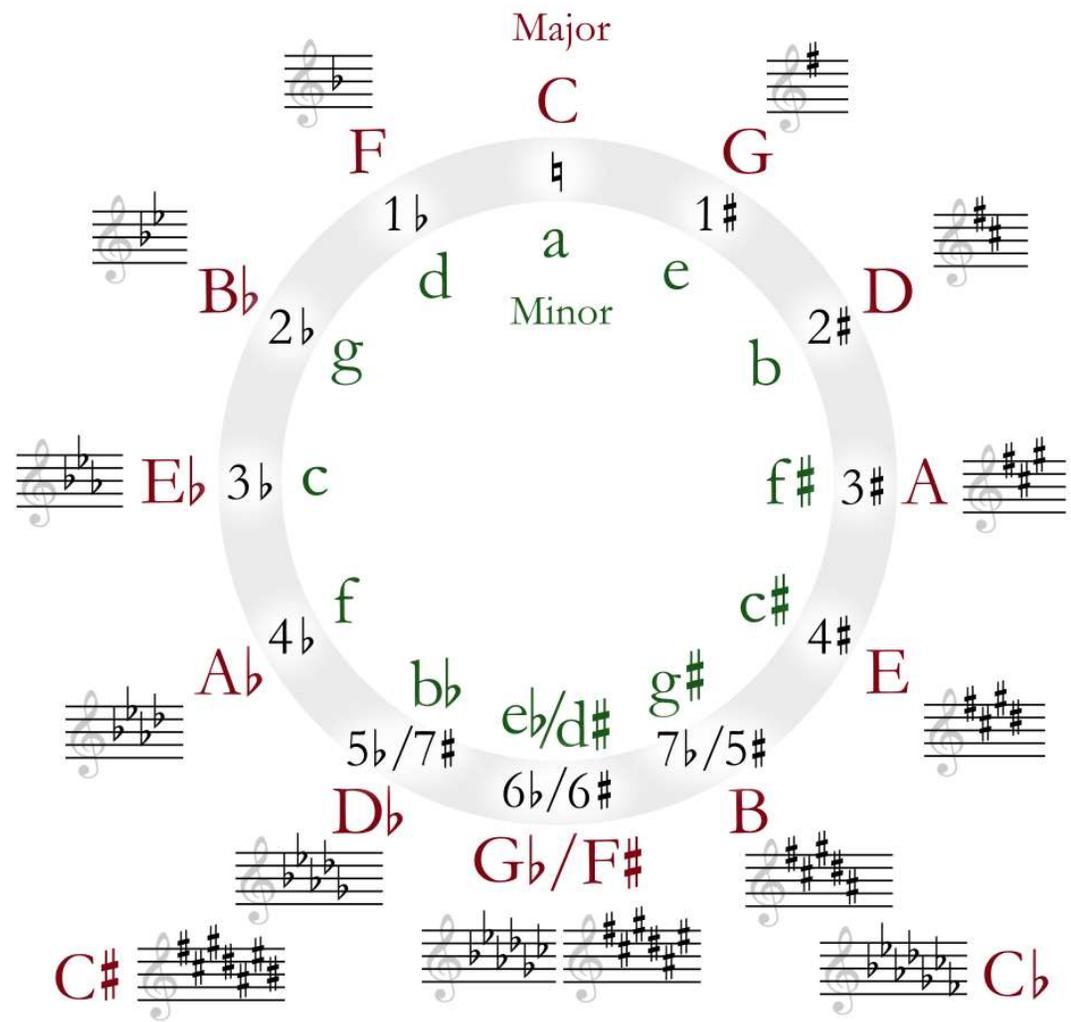
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# KEY SIGNATURES

- Key Signatures are comprised of Sharps and Flats
- Each one will contain between 0 and 7 of them (not both)
- Each Key Signature defines two keys: Major and Relative Minor

The image displays two musical staves in treble clef, each with eight measures. The first staff shows key signatures with sharp signs (#) for the notes F, C, G, D, A, E, B, and F#. The second staff shows key signatures with flat signs (b) for the notes B, E, A, D, G, C, F, and B.

Sharp Signatures	Flat Signatures
C major A minor	C major A minor
G major E minor	F major D minor
D major B minor	B♭ major G minor
A major F# minor	E♭ major C minor
E major C# minor	A♭ major F minor
B major G# minor	D♭ major B♭ minor
F# major D# minor	G♭ major E♭ minor
C# major A# minor	C♭ major A♭ minor



# CIRCLE OF FIFTHS USES

- Reference for key signatures
- Reference for the 5<sup>th</sup> interval
- Reference for Major Keys and their Relative Minors
- Reference for enharmonic keys



**QUESTIONS?**