

Miscellaneous Accordion Techniques

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Outline

- Position of the Accordion
- Bellows
- Fingering
- Android Tablet and MobileSheets



Bellows: Beginning Exercises

How much

Air Button

Same Note, same
volume

Same Note, Crescendo-
Decrescendo, Both
Opening and Closing

Bellows: Expression/Tremolo

Oblivion

by Astor Piazzolla
arr. by Frank Marocco
Engraving by R. R. Ostromecki

Slowly
Molto Legato

The musical score is presented in two systems. The first system consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melodic line with a tremolo effect, indicated by a circle with three horizontal lines. The bass staff contains a bass line with a tremolo effect, indicated by a circle with three horizontal lines. The first measure of the first system is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a finger number '2'. The second measure is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The third measure is marked with a piano-piano (*pp*) dynamic. The second system also consists of two staves. The treble staff contains a melodic line with a tremolo effect, indicated by a circle with three horizontal lines. The bass staff contains a bass line with a tremolo effect, indicated by a circle with three horizontal lines. The first measure of the second system is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a mezzo (*m*) dynamic. The second measure is marked with a mezzo (*m*) dynamic. The third measure is marked with a mezzo (*m*) dynamic. The fourth measure is marked with a mezzo (*m*) dynamic. The score is in 4/4 time and features a bellows part with tremolos and dynamic markings.

Bellows: Accenting

Marsch für Akkordeon

□ OPEN/OUT

∨ CLOSE/IN

HERMANN
ZILCHER

Sehr streng im Takt

The first system of handwritten musical notation is written on a grand staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). It begins with a piano dynamic marking (*pp*). The notation consists of two staves: the upper staff contains a series of chords, each marked with a square symbol (□) for 'OPEN/OUT' or a downward-pointing triangle (∨) for 'CLOSE/IN'. The lower staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

The second system of handwritten musical notation continues the piece on a grand staff. The upper staff features a melodic line with various ornaments and fingerings, including circled numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and slurs. The lower staff continues the rhythmic accompaniment. The system concludes with a forte dynamic marking (*f*) and a final chord.

Bellows: Repeated Notes & Strategy

IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA
Sinfonia
G. ROSSINI

ff *mi M* *pp* *do S* *fa# m* *do S*

ff *pp* *p* *fa# m* *si S* *mi M* *si S* *mi M*

pp 5

S.B.

B.S.

5

Bellows: "Whole Orchestra" Sound

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CAVALLERIA LEGGERA

CABALLERIA LIGERA

F. v. SUPPE

Maestoso

8

8

16

8

4 3 2

8

ff

ff

Mi Mi

Left Hand Fingering Strategies: Tangos

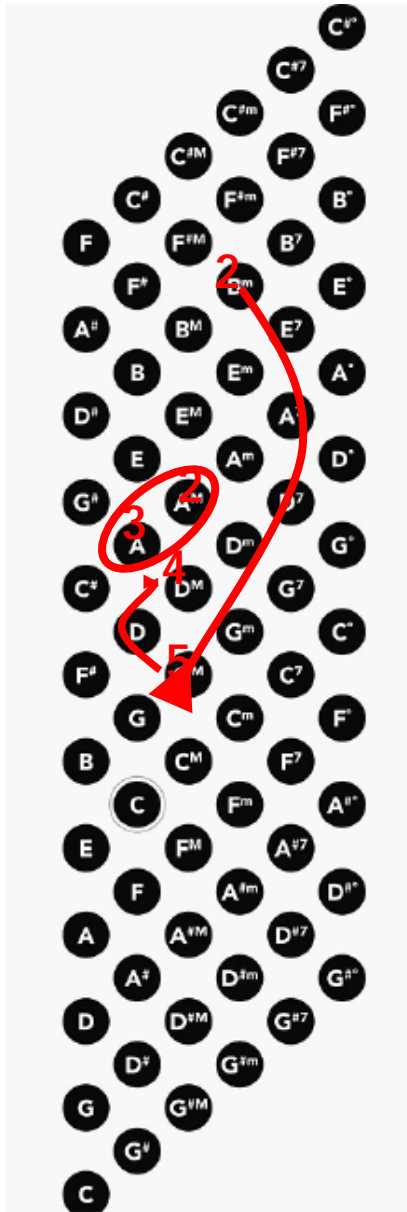
Handwritten musical score for "ILLUMANI - TANGO -". The score is written in 2/4 time and features a series of chords and melodic lines. The chords are annotated with white boxes: Gm, Dm, A7, Dm, A7, Dm, and A7. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and fingering numbers (e.g., 3, 4, 2, 3, 8, 2, 4, 3, 4, 3).

Chord wheel diagram showing various chords. The Gm chord is highlighted with a red circle and the number 3, and the A7 chord is highlighted with a red circle and the number 5. The chords are arranged in a circular pattern, with Gm at the top and A7 at the bottom.

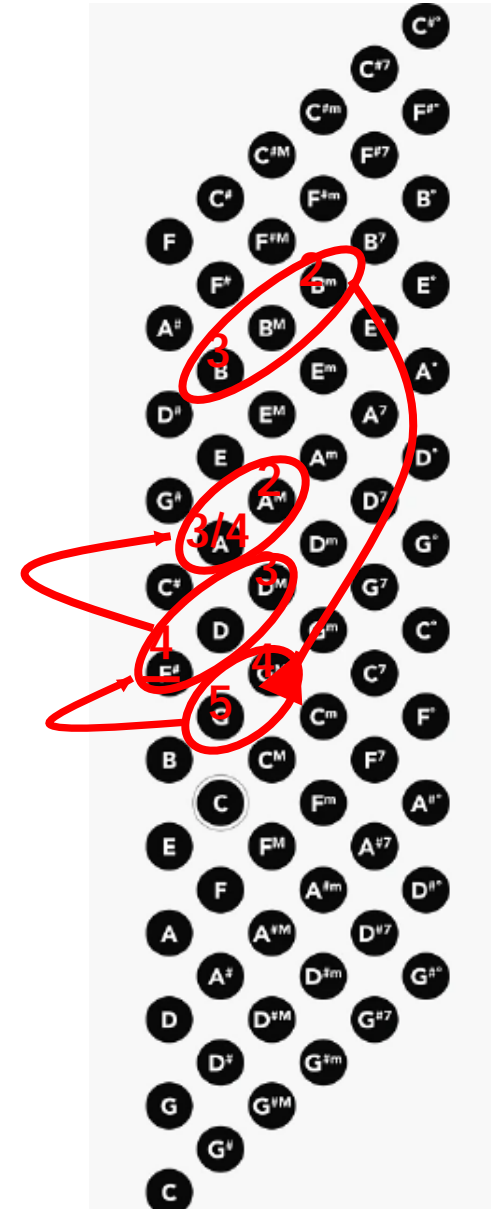
G-Gm followed by Bb-Gm ↗

Left Fingering Strategies: Despacito

Bm
GM
DM
A-AM

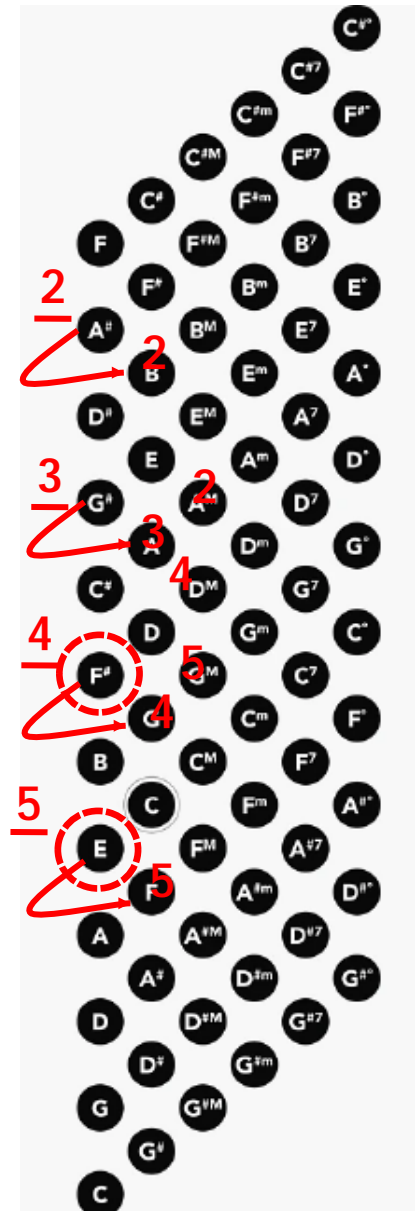


B-Bm
G-GM
F#-DM
A-AM



Left Fingering Strategies: Sliding

Helps avoid “Finger Cramming”
and helps Strategy



ANDROID Tablet & MobileSheets

- **TABLET: Samsung Galaxy Tab S7 FE**
12.4" screen, \$279.30 and above
- **Software used: MobileSheets (\$14.99)**
- **Other Options:**
Android 14.1 inch tablets, \$296.99 (FOLLOWM B1)
Android 15.6 inch (MESWAO), \$459.99
- **LEKATO Bluetooth Wireless Page Turner Pedal: \$45.99**
- **Samsers Foldable Bluetooth Keyboard, \$23.79**
- **Tripod & Tablet Holder**

