Intermezzo

Color your Chord Melody Arrangement

for

intermediate and advanced guitar players

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About this Book

Welcome to my book Intermezzo!

You want to add more flavor to your chord melody arrangement, create new interesting Intros/Outros or Interludes then this book will improve your guitar playing and support you with new ideas.

This book gives you an overview of diatonic and non-diatonic passing chord progressions a.k.a. movements, voicings, fill lines or harmonic phrases that resolve or lead to a minor, a major or a dominant chord.

All examples are placed accordingly to their resolutions in three groups - *Major Resolution*, *Minor Resolution and Dominant Resolution* - and deliberately kept short to make it easier for you to memorize.

Choose a sample, memorize, transpose if necessary and embed it in your song arrangement.

Tabs and chord diagrams support your fretboard orientation and learning. With some practice you will flourish and colorize your chord melody playing. I ask for your understanding but this book does not cover music theory and should if required be treated externally.

The audio files are located at www.john-scrivo.de/books and can be downloaded directly to your desktop.

Under the topic *Extended Voicings*, a selection of good-sounding chords complete my tutorial. All voicings are also tangible for guitarists with shorter fingers.

The diagrams include intervals, that make transposing easier.

Good Luck!

About the Author

The Singer and Songwriter Alexander Harnisch alias John Scrivo, born in São Paulo, Brazil, enjoyed the feeling of Bossa Nova and the soccer euphoria at the beach of the Copacabana as a child.

For family reasons he grew up with two mother languages, Portuguese and English. After he had been given an electric guitar, he doggedly practiced the solos of his favourite Band "The Fab Four" - The Beatles. An interesting musical mixture was born now.

As his Austrian stepfather was a connoisseur of the Jazz Music, he heard the jazz tunes constantly at home. He was fascinated by the Big Bands, the Vocal Groups and last not least by Gypsy Jazz.

His guitar heroes like Django Reinhardt, Baden Powell, Yamandu Costa, Tommy Emmanuel, Frank Vignola, Martin Taylor, Joe Pass and many others became a part of his instrumental life as a guitar player.

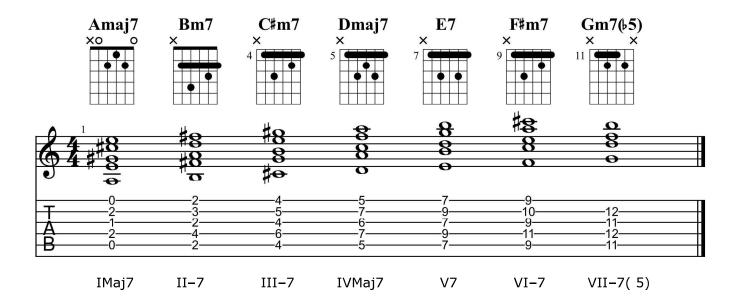
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- 5. The Fingerpicker



Diatonic & Non-Diatonic

Diatonic chords are chords constructed by stacking 3rds over each tone of a scale using only the scale tones. These chords are the basic material for a song in the key you are playing. A solid understanding of diatonic harmony will allow you to explain and write chord progressions.



Non-diatonic chords are chords, that do not belong to the key you're playing. It can be a secondary dominant, a tritone substitution, a chromatic chord movement or chords from a modal interchange (borrowed chords). Let's look at the 4 examples in the key of A.

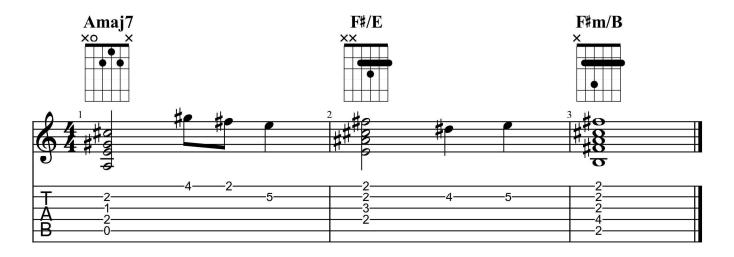


Fig. 2.1 Non-Diatonic Chord Progression with a secondary dominant

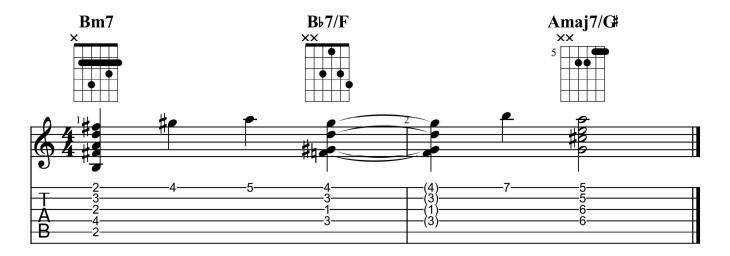


Fig. 2.2 Non-Diatonic Chord Progression with a tritone substitution

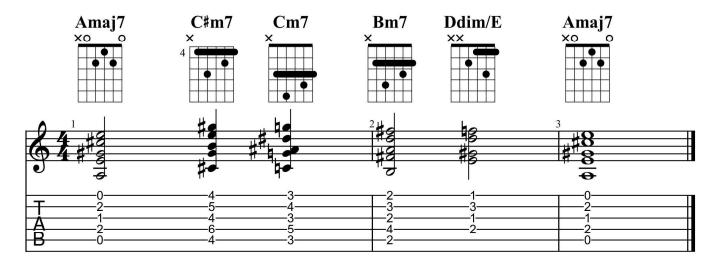


Fig. 2.3 Non-Diatonic Chord Progression with a chromatic chord movement

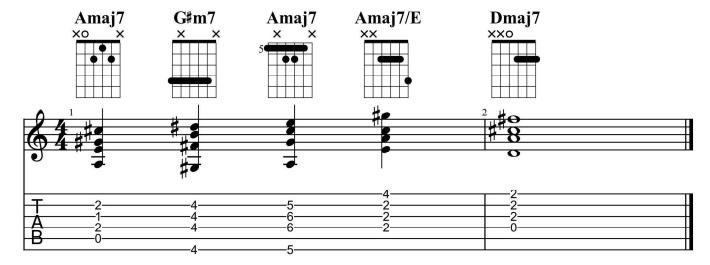


Fig. 2.4 Non-Diatonic Chord Progression from a modal interchange