

FIGURED BASS SYMBOLS

Arabic Numbers		Indication
5 3		Root Position
6 3	6	First Inversion
6 4		Second Inversion
7		Root Position 7 th Chord
6 5		First Inversion 7 th Chord
4 3	6 4 3	Second Inversion 7 th Chord
4 2	2	7 th Chords With the 7 th in the Bass
# b		Raise or lower the 3 rd above the bass note according to the symbol used.
♮		Make the 3 rd above the bass notes natural regardless of the key
9,8,7,4,2		Indicates a interval that must be placed above the bass note
\ / or #		Indicates the slashed number is raised a half step
4-3, 9-8		Indicates a Suspension
_____		Indicates a note to be held