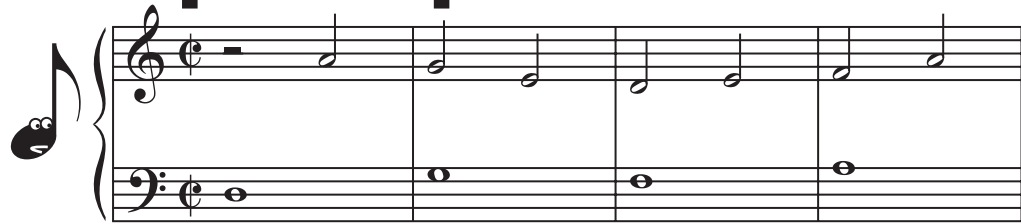


Species Counterpoint: Species II

SECOND SPECIES COUNTERPOINT ADDS A TOUCH MORE COMPLEXITY: THERE ARE TWO NOTES AGAINST EVERY ONE IN THE CANTUS FIRMUS.



FORTUNATELY, THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT **TWICE AS DIFFICULT**: IN FACT, MOST OF THE **PREVIOUS RULES** STILL APPLY WITHOUT ANY CHANGES.

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW EXCEPTIONS:

SPECIES I RULE:

SPECIES II RULE:

NO LEAPS LARGER THAN A PERFECT FIFTH*

LEAPS ARE STILL FINE, BUT DON'T LEAP TO A **NEW HIGH POINT** ON A **DOWNBEAT**.

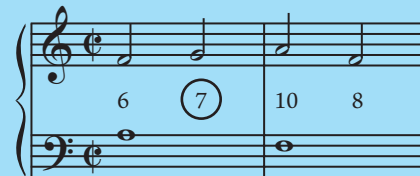


THE **A** IN THE THIRD MEASURE IS A **NEW HIGH POINT** FOR THE LINE, SO LEAPING TO IT ON THE **DOWNBEAT** PUTS A LOT OF WEIGHT ON THAT **ONE NOTE**, MAKING IT **STICK OUT** OF THE TEXTURE.

*EXCEPTING, OF COURSE, **ASCENDING MINOR SIXTHS** AND **PERFECT OCTAVES**, BUT YOU ALREADY **KNEW** THAT.

ONLY USE CONSONANT INTERVALS.

STILL TRUE... FOR **DOWNBEATS**. FOR THE **UNACCENTED** BEATS, **DISSONANT INTERVALS** ARE FINE, AS LONG AS THEY HAPPEN AS **PASSING NOTES**: NOTES THAT FILL IN A **THIRD** CREATED BY SURROUNDING NOTES.



OH, AND NOTICE HOW **DISSONANT INTERVALS** HAVE THEIR **NUMBERS** CIRCLED? NICE, HUH. YOU SHOULD DO IT TOO.

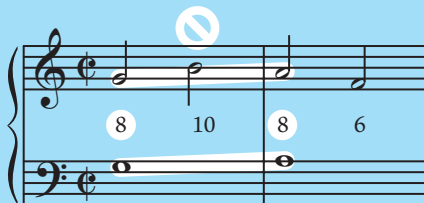
UNISONS CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE FIRST AND LAST NOTES.



UNISONS CAN BE USED ON **UNACCENTED NOTES**... JUST BE CAREFUL ABOUT **CROSSING** OR **OVERLAPPING VOICES**!

APPROACH PERFECT INTERVALS USING CONTRARY MOTION WITH AT LEAST ONE VOICE MOVING BY STEP.

THIS RULE **STILL APPLIES**: IF YOU USE A PERFECT INTERVAL ON A **DOWNBEAT**, YOU NEED TO USE **CONTRARY MOTION** FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING NOTES, AND AT LEAST **ONE VOICE** MUST MOVE BY **STEP**.



HOWEVER, YOU MUST ALSO BE CAREFUL NOT TO HAVE THE **SAME** PERFECT INTERVAL ON **TWO SUCCESSIVE DOWNBEATS**. THIS IS CALLED **PARALLEL PERFECT INTERVALS** AND IT'S GOING TO BE A **NO-NO** FOR A **GOOD LONG TIME**.

(IN FACT, IT'S ALSO NOT OKAY TO HAVE PARALLEL PERFECT INTERVALS FROM THE **UNACCENTED BEAT** TO THE **DOWNBEAT**, BUT IF YOU ARE APPROACHING WITH **CONTRARY MOTION**, THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN ANYWAY.)

NOT TOO **BAD**, IS IT? YEAH! BRING ON **THIRD SPECIES**!