

CHORD ARPEGGIOS

I. General:

One of the best ways to obtain advanced technique, master the guitar neck, and play guitar compositions at a higher level of ability and quality, is by practicing Chord Arpeggios. Just like scales and etudes, they should be practiced on a regular basis.

The arpeggios given are plain chord diagrams of whole-note lines. The strings are indicated in a circled-number, the left hand's fingers are indicted in numbers - the usual way. Below [V. Right-Hand practicing] you will find a <u>full detailed suggestion</u> on how to practice and play each chapter.

It is recommended not to play Apoyando [Resting stroke] over chord arpeggios. When practicing, arpeggios should be played: free stroke, using combinations of: *p, a, m, i.* For Apoyando, see Lahav's Scales Method....

Make some overlapping finger movements with your left-hand as you move from tone-to-tone, string-to-string, the passages begin to stream fluently and sound more stable. Your right hand's wrist and palm should be loose & free, while each finger - gradually - develops its individual plucked-action. The thumb here, will now abandon its traditional role as a "bass-player" and stroke equally to the other fingers. This course of action will enhance the thumb's flexibility, orientation and speed. As you practice, listen to the sound produced; it should be clear and full!

This method is recommended for advanced students, Guitar teachers and Guitar artists.

II. Method's elements:

The method based and crossing combinations of three elements:

- 1. Practicing the four basic chord qualities: Major, Minor, Diminished and Augmented.
- 2. Practicing from all three guitar's bass strings: D, A, E.
- 3. Practicing three-tone and four-tone chords.

III. General practicing guidelines:

- 1. Start practicing very slowly, recommended note lengths half notes and quarter notes.
- 2. Play them ascending and descending.
- 3. Your left hand should be free as your wrist moves accordingly to the positions along the guitar neck. Make sure you never "lock" your wrist!
- 4. Once you know a chapter by heart, you can speed it up to slow eighths.

Finally, as you play, it is recommended that you select <u>at least</u> two of the basic rhythm patterns, ascending and descending into symmetrically musical phrases.

A) Rhythm of: 4/4:



Playing chord arpeggios in different rhythms, will initiate all kinds of fingering-accidentals with different beats accented. That will surely be one of the main challenges.

IV. Chaptering... [See the full method]

V. Right- Hand practicing... [See the full method]

VI. How to practice...[See the full method]

<u>Chords Arpeggios lines: Major, Minor, Diminished, Augmented ...[See the full method] [7 Pages]</u>

