

Key Signatures

The "Key" to it all

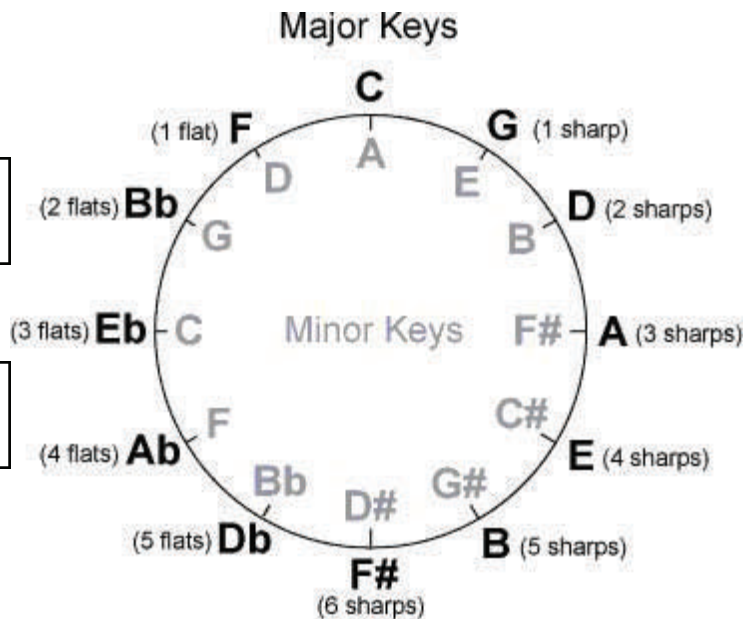
The Major key signatures:

A key signature is a pattern of sharps or flats that appears at the beginning of the staff and indicates certain notes are to be consistently raised or lowered. There are 7 key signatures using sharps. In each case, the name of the major key can be found by going up a half step from the last sharp.

There are also 7 key signatures using flats. Except for the key of F major, the name of the major key is the same as the name of the next-to-last flat

FCGDAEB

BEADGCF



G Major	D Major	A Major	E Major	B Major	F# Major	C# Major
1 sharp	2 sharps	3 sharps	4 sharps	5 sharps	6 sharps	7 sharps

F Major	Bb Major	Eb Major	Ab Major	Db Major	Gb Major	Cb Major
1 flat	2 flats	3 flats	4 flats	5 flats	6 flats	7 flats