

## CHROMATIC SCALE—TREBLE CLEF BARITONE

**What is the Chromatic Scale?** The Chromatic Scale is a scale made up entirely of half-steps. It starts and ends on the same pitch, for a total of 13 pitches. You can start on any pitch, and end on that same pitch. We use SHARPS for note names ASCENDING the scale, and FLATS for note names DESCENDING.

**TERMS** you need to know to help you understand the Chromatic Scale:

- **Accidentals**- sharps #, flats b, or naturals ♮
- **Sharp**- will raise the pitch one half step #
- **Flat**- will lower the pitch one half step b
- **Enharmonics**- two notes that sound the SAME pitch, have the SAME fingering/position, but have DIFFERENT note names. (For example: C# and Db, G# and Ab)
- **Ascending**- moving UP the scale
- **Descending**- moving DOWN the scale
- **Half-Step**- The closest two notes can be to one another. (There are no pitches in between a half step.)

### Your C Chromatic Scale Ascending— (Concert Bb)

C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C

The image shows a musical staff in treble clef with a treble clef symbol. Above the staff, the notes of the ascending C chromatic scale are written: C, C#, D, D#, E, F, F#, G, G#, A, A#, B, and C. Below the staff, there are 13 fingering diagrams, each corresponding to a note. Each diagram shows a piano keyboard with three fingers (1, 2, 3) placed on the keys to play the note. For example, for C, finger 1 is on C, finger 2 on C#, and finger 3 on D. For C#, finger 1 is on C#, finger 2 on D, and finger 3 on D#.

### Your C Chromatic Scale Descending—(Concert Bb)

C B Bb A Ab G Gb F E Eb D Db C

The image shows a musical staff in treble clef with a treble clef symbol. Above the staff, the notes of the descending C chromatic scale are written: C, B, Bb, A, Ab, G, Gb, F, E, Eb, D, Db, and C. Below the staff, there are 13 fingering diagrams, each corresponding to a note. Each diagram shows a piano keyboard with three fingers (1, 2, 3) placed on the keys to play the note. For example, for C, finger 1 is on C, finger 2 on B, and finger 3 on Bb. For B, finger 1 is on B, finger 2 on Bb, and finger 3 on A.