PERFORMANCE NOTES

The number pi (π) represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and is approximately equal to 3.14. Pi plays important roles in geometry, physics, and countless other areas of math and science. An irrational number, its decimal expansion is nonrepeating and nonterminating:

π ≈ 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510582097 ...

Pi has fascinated mathematicians for thousands of years. Only the first handful of digits were known in antiquity, but today's computers can accurately calculate pi to trillions of decimal places. Pi is also beloved among number enthusiasts, many of whom celebrate "Pi Day" every March 14 by reciting its digits from memory!

In this piece, each note of the major scale is assigned a digit and used to spell out pi to 56 decimal places. The numbers shown above the piano staves are digits in the never-ending sequence that unfolds to form this famous mathematical constant.

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A PIECE OF PI

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano*

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