Dear Student,

Major scales are the foundation of Western music and one of the most familiar patterns to our ears. But what gives these scales their unmistakable sound? The secret lies in their unique pattern of whole step and half steps. A major scale can be built on any note. To find the rest of the notes in the scale follow this pattern: whole step, whole step, half step, whole step, whole step, whole step, whole step, whole step, half step. These steps will take you to the first note one octave higher than where you began, and include all the notes in the scale. For your convenience, a complete list is provided on the opposite page. Because major scales are the basis of much of the music we play and an essential part of auditions, they should be reviewed at every practice session and eventually memorized.

Sincerely, Jone K. Haven

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