

Musical Dice Game

after Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

for 1 - 8 Player(s)

It is told about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart that he was passionate about games. That's why the invention of a musically dice game is attributed to him. With his memory game a 16 bar waltz-theme for piano may be composed.

The following eight-bar version is arranged for flute.

Mozart wrote: This game makes it possible to «compose waltz by using two dice without being musical or having any knowledge about composition».

How to play

Eight bars of a waltz-melody are going to be composed. Therefore you need two dice and the attached number table. The first roll applies for the first column, the second roll for the second column, the third roll for the third column and so on.

If you total the pips on the two dice, you will get the line of the number table, where the bar's number can be found.

For example, you count 10 pips on your third roll. Then you have to look up the bar's number on the third column in line 10, which is bar number 85.

Bar number 85 can now be found in the attached sheet music table on page 3 and 4. Like the memory game „I Packed my Suitcase“ each player has to recapitulate by heart all bars which are played before and add the new one. You are now playing the theme with the flute from the beginning to the last diced bar.

Sheet Music Table

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15

16 17 18 19 20

21 22 23 24 25

26 27 28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35

36 37 38 39 40

41 42 43 44 45

The image displays a sheet music table for a dice game, consisting of 45 numbered measures of music. The music is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The measures are arranged in ten rows of five. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes), rests, and bar lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of measure 45.

This PDF-sheet, which is free to download, is not completely - the last page is missing. If you buy the sheet music, you will get the complete and printable sheet music version.