

GIOCO
FILHARMONICO

A Musical Dice Game
attributed to



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How to Play

This game produces the music for an sixteen-measure minuet. On the “Tavola delle cifre” page are two tables. The letters at the top of the tables represent throws of the dice and their corresponding measures of the minuet. The numbers on the left side of each table represent the possible numbers appearing on the dice after each throw.

- 1.) Throw the dice and find the corresponding number on the left side of the left table.
- 2.) In column A of the left table, find the measure number that corresponds with the number on your dice. For example, if you threw a 6, this would correspond to measure 148 in the first column.
- 3.) Take out the card for the resulting measure number. This will be the first measure of the minuet.
- 4.) Repeat the process, each time progressing to the next column. For example, if the second dice throw results in 9, the corresponding measure from column B would be 84. This will be the second measure of your minuet. Continue until all 16 measures have been determined. You now have a new minuet!

Note: To facilitate playing, the individual measures of music are laid out in a grid with light crop marks. Cut along these crop marks to create individual cards for each measure.

TAVOLA DELLE CIFRE.

PRIMA PARTE DEL MINUETTO.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2	96	22	141	41	105	122	11	30
3	32	6	128	63	146	46	134	81
4	69	95	158	13	153	55	110	24
5	40	17	113	85	161	2	159	100
6	148	74	163	45	80	97	36	107
7	104	157	27	167	154	68	118	91
8	152	60	171	53	99	133	21	127
9	119	84	114	50	140	86	169	94
10	98	142	42	156	75	129	62	123
11	3	87	165	61	135	47	147	33
12	54	130	10	103	28	37	106	5

SECONDA PARTE DEL MINUETTO.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2	70	121	26	9	112	49	109	14
3	117	39	126	56	174	18	116	83
4	68	139	15	132	73	58	145	79
5	90	176	7	34	67	160	52	170
6	25	143	64	125	76	136	1	93
7	538	71	150	29	101	162	23	151
8	16	155	57	175	43	168	89	172
9	120	88	48	166	51	115	72	111
10	65	77	19	82	137	38	149	8
11	102	4	31	164	144	59	173	78
12	35	20	108	92	12	124	44	131

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Musical notation for a piano exercise, measures 176-178. The score is written on three staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 176, followed by a quarter note in measure 177, and another triplet of eighth notes in measure 178. The middle staff contains a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 176, followed by a quarter note in measure 177, and another triplet of eighth notes in measure 178. The bottom staff contains a bass line with a quarter note in measure 176, followed by a quarter note in measure 177, and a quarter note in measure 178. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4.

Musical notation for a piano exercise, measures 179-181. The score is written on three staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 179, followed by a quarter note in measure 180, and another triplet of eighth notes in measure 181. The middle staff contains a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 179, followed by a quarter note in measure 180, and another triplet of eighth notes in measure 181. The bottom staff contains a bass line with a quarter note in measure 179, followed by a quarter note in measure 180, and a quarter note in measure 181. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4.

Musical notation for a piano exercise, measures 182-184. The score is written on three staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 182, followed by a quarter note in measure 183, and another triplet of eighth notes in measure 184. The middle staff contains a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 182, followed by a quarter note in measure 183, and another triplet of eighth notes in measure 184. The bottom staff contains a bass line with a quarter note in measure 182, followed by a quarter note in measure 183, and a quarter note in measure 184. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4.