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# L.I.F.E. Style

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## Pictures From Nashville

Kathy Schwartz, owner of Kathy's Happy Organs reported, "Amazingly, Nashville was the best Lowrey event I have attended, and I have been to many. Great job!"

"The combination of the Nashville location, song mix, artists, workshops and great food created a lot of positive energy," agreed Dennis and Seth. Here are some photos taken by L.I.F.E. Chapter President, Dennis Kaplan.



1-Brad Bryan, 2-Jim Vogelmann & Joyce Kaplan, 3-Event producers and hosts Seth Rye & Dennis Awe, 4-Bil Curry, 5-DyAnne Awe, 6-Our friends from Piano Craft in Springfield MO, 7-Paul Shaub.



# Chord Symbol Chart

by: Bil Curry



Use this chart to decode and demystify chord symbols.

1) Letter is the chord Root or key & can have a sharp (#) or flat (b) symbol like E<sup>b</sup> or F<sup>#</sup>.

3) Number adds notes to the chord. Often written in superscript ( C<sup>7</sup> ).

2) Letter or symbol moves the basic notes of a Major chord up or down a half step.

**C m 7<sup>(b5)</sup>**

4) Parenthesis and/or superscript adds other altered notes or moves a different basic Major chord note up or down a half step.

The above chord = C, E<sup>b</sup>, G<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup> with the C = root, E<sup>b</sup> = minor 3rd, G<sup>b</sup> = flatted 5th, B<sup>b</sup> = 7<sup>th</sup>.

Symbol:	Action:	Example:
Chord Letter (C, F <sup>#</sup> , E <sup>b</sup> , etc.)	Major chord = Root, + 4 & then + 3 half steps or Root (C), third (E), & fifth (G) <i>in any order</i> .	C = C, E, G or <b>G, C, E</b> or E, G, C
<b>Alters notes of a major chord:</b>		
<b>m</b> or <b>-</b>	Move 3 <sup>rd</sup> DOWN one half step	Cm, C- = G, C, E <sup>b</sup>
<b>dim</b> or <sup>o</sup>	Move 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> DOWN one half step	Cdim, C <sup>o</sup> = C, E <sup>b</sup> , G <sup>b</sup> or G <sup>b</sup> , C, E <sup>b</sup>
<b>Sus</b> or <b>sus4</b>	Move 3 <sup>rd</sup> UP one half step	Csus, Csus4 = C, F, G
<b>aug</b> or <b>+</b> or <b>#5</b>	Move 5 <sup>th</sup> UP one half step	Caug, C+ = C, E, G <sup>#</sup>
<b>b5</b>	Move 5 <sup>th</sup> DOWN one half step	C <sup>b5</sup> = C, E, G <sup>b</sup>
<b>Adds notes to a chord:</b>		
<b>6</b>	Add whole step above 5th	C6 = C, E, G, A Cm6 = C, E <sup>b</sup> , G, A
<b>7</b>	Add whole step below root	C7 = C, E, G, B <sup>b</sup> or G, B <sup>b</sup> , C, E
<b>9</b>	Add 7 <sup>th</sup> and a whole step above root	C9 = C, E, G, B <sup>b</sup> , D or E, B <sup>b</sup> , D or G, B <sup>b</sup> , C, D, E
<b>Maj7, Ma7, Δ7</b>	Add half step below root	CMaj7, C <sup>Δ</sup> 7 = C, E, G, B or G, B, C, E
<b>11</b>	Add 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9th, & move 3 <sup>rd</sup> up half step (11) You can substitute a "7sus" for an 11th	C <sup>11</sup> = C, F, G, B <sup>b</sup> , D C <sup>7sus</sup> = C, F, G, B <sup>b</sup>
<b>13</b>	Add 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9th, & 13 <sup>th</sup> (13 <sup>th</sup> = 6 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>omit the 11<sup>th</sup>!</i>	C <sup>13</sup> = E, A, B <sup>b</sup> , D or B <sup>b</sup> , E, A
<b>Other Altered Notes (superscript):</b>		
<b>b9</b>	Adds a half step above the root in 7 <sup>th</sup> chords	C7 <sup>b9</sup> = G, B <sup>b</sup> , C, D <sup>b</sup> , E
<b>#9</b>	Adds 3 half steps above the root in 7 <sup>th</sup> chords	C7 <sup>#9</sup> = E, B <sup>b</sup> , C, D <sup>#</sup>
<b>#11</b>	Adds tri-tone (6 half steps above root)	C7 <sup>#11</sup> = C, D, E, F <sup>#</sup> , B <sup>b</sup>



1-Jim Wieda, 2-Mark Ashworth, Shery Buentipo, Bob Ashworth, Anthony Cozzolino, 3-Andy Cerone, 4-The Gibsons (great smiles), 5-Joanie Manero & Seth Rye, 6-The Postons (more great smiles).

## 2011 L.I.F.E.

Just a few reminders and clarifications regarding LIFE.

- L.I.F.E. Rewards Redemption** - Redemptions will no longer be accepted after November 18, 2011. Redemptions need to be postmarked no later than November 18 to qualify.
- L.I.F.E. Rewards Redemption** - Due to the recent high volume of requests for redemptions we have experienced longer service lead times. Thank you for your continued patience.
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