
David Kellner video using F# tuning on 10-string

Posted by Glen - 2018/02/19 20:37

Here's a short video of a David Kellner piece you don't hear too often. I'm using an alto-guitar score but playing the piece on my 10-string with a tuning up to F#, basically making my 10-string guitar like a quasi-alto guitar.

Thanks to James Smith for introducing me to this tuning. I have tried many tunings on my 10-string and prefer this most.

<https://youtu.be/XjYWQ6yopr4>

Glen

Re:David Kellner video using F# tuning on 10-string

Posted by tenvec - 2018/02/22 12:22

Hello, Glen,

A nicely turned performance, congratulations!

I do very strongly recommend this tone-up F# tuning for 10s instruments. Even my 10s Ramirez sounds better with this tuning. The tuning corresponds to what a lutenist would call, "G at 415 c/s". A 10s becomes a much better balanced instrument with this tuning. Another advantage of the half tone down from modern G is that it is welcomed by singers performing renaissance and baroque.

On the whole, I tend to believe one should respect original keys/pitch, but I have found that I prefer playing baroque lute pieces a tone up, i.e., reading from a score that corresponds to performance on an E-tuned 10s, but using a 10s in F#. The pieces are brighter and have greater clarity, at least to my ears.

I have not been contributing due to my Epson printer failing. Justin and I communicate by email, and I find that I have to work from a printed copy to check typesetting. My 13 years old G4 Mac continues to work perfectly, but current printers will not interface with such an old Mac. On enquiring about a new Mac of suitable screen size, I was somewhat surprised to find that the total cost for a Mac plus printer plus the latest version of Microsoft Office would come to over £3,000.

Although I am neither poor, nor, I hope, mean, this seemed an excessive amount to pay to get a printer costing under £100 So, Justin is searching for a working second hand printer. Once this is found, I will be posting a suite by Robert de Visée.

James.

Re:David Kellner video using F# tuning on 10-string

Posted by Sten - 2018/02/23 07:50

Glen,

Good show and well played!

Sten
