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To my uncle and spiritual father, Rev. Dr. Charbel Abi Khalil.
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#### Abstract

In his writings, Wadia Sabra (1876-1952) announced the creation of a "Universal Scale" and a "New Unit of Interval Measurement". However, it is noteworthy that this particular work lacks precise information related to its numbers. This study aims to reconstruct and reveal the related numbers and tables, by researching Wadia Sabra's archive. Also, this study reviews the acoustical and musical characteristics of this particular work of Sabra, its validity, and its possible new input to the musical field.


## Chapter I: Introduction

Wadia Sabra (1876-1952), known for composing the Lebanese national anthem and founding the Lebanese National Conservatory, was an active person on the Lebanese and Arab musical scene during the first half of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century. After his death, his reputation has faded and his archive was kept hidden. However, 50 years later, his archive was rediscovered, classified and stored by the CPML ${ }^{1}$. Thus, more than 950 documents, scores, press articles, correspondences, concert programs and conferences, constitute a corpus worth studying.

## Problematic

Beside his numerous compositions, Wadia Sabra had developed many musicological works. Using his double knowledge in both western and oriental music, Sabra always tried to reveal the relation between these two types of music. In his musicological studies, he worked on 3 dimensions. First, he created a measurement instrument, a sort of a Monochord with a keyboard, along with the construction of an experimental "Commatic Piano". His purpose was to play authentically different oriental scales. Second, he invented a new unit of interval measurement along with a "Universal scale" which he described suitable to combine all Western, Arabic, Greek, Indian, and Chinese scales. Finally, he even went farther, by proving that Arabic music was the origin of the western Art. In the context of the second dimension, Sabra published a leaflet ${ }^{2}$ and declared that he has discovered a New Unit of music Intervals

[^0]Measurement, along with a Universal Scale. In this leaflet he described briefly his discovery, he talked about its importance and characteristics, and promised to reveal the exact numbers of the Universal Scale in a form of 6 tables. Although this promise was re-declared in different writings and following occasions, Wadia Sabra never published the numbers, neither did anyone later. This suggests that either the work was complete, but didn't get the opportunity to be published, or the work was incomplete.

The problematic is that Sabra promised in different writings to reveal the numbers of his Universal scale which he never did. The aim of this thesis is to reveal the numbers which Sabra mentioned but never wrote down.

## Research Questions

This research suggests many questions: How did this theory about a Universal Scale evolve during Sabra's lifetime? More importantly, why didn't he publish its numbers? What were the opinions of his peers? Can his archive be useful to reveal the numbers of his scale, and what are the risks that could obstruct such research? Moreover, after nearly a century, is this theory still valid among the recent units of measurement in addition to the expansion of new musical styles?

## Statement of the hypothesis

Sabra's universal scale is a new system of pitch ${ }^{3}$ quantification, and the new unit of interval measurement should be accurate enough, so all the intervals of the different musical systems can be exactly included in a finite octave division. Based on Sabra's announcements and the available sources ${ }^{4}$, we should be able to discover and reconstruct this scale from his manuscripts.

## Null Hypothesis

Wadia Sabra's work was inconclusive; therefore, it will be demonstrated it by numbers.

## Purpose of the study

This research will expose Sabra's theory, which he called revolutionary. While assembling and studying Sabra's personal calculation notes in addition to the related published material, articles, correspondences and reactions, this research will aim to publish the main tables that Sabra described in his writings, and discover by numbers the new unit of interval measurement. Finally, we will also review its validity and criticize its raison d'être.

[^1]
## Significance of the study

This study, while aiming to evaluate a particular work of Wadia Sabra in its scientific and historical context, is not meant to judge the scientific and musical quality of the author. This research could revive Sabra's theory as a starting point for new researches, in order to offer new opportunities and tools for modern composers, both Oriental and Western. The addition that Sabra's theory could bring to the Oriental music is the possibility to review its acoustical bonds with other musical systems, which could be used to import and develop new possibilities within this same type. Also, Sabra's theory could add to the Western music a new quantified microtonal system, which could offer new tools for contemporary composers.

## Thesis Plan

Following the introduction in chapter 1, where we exposed the subject to be studied in this paper, we will start in chapter 2, by writing a brief overview about Wadia Sabra's life, then, after having an apercu about his musicological activity in general, we will gather from the literature, all available particular information about his "Universal Scale". This information will be categorized in order to have a better understanding on the development of his work. Next, in chapter 3, we will develop the research methods used in this study and the process of collecting unpublished data from Sabra's archive. As for chapter 4, we will discuss the analyzed data and then present the results obtained. Finally, the last chapter will be dedicated to the conclusion and it will answer the proposed research questions.

## General context

As a generalized definition, a scale is a series of sounds arranged by definite frequency intervals, suitable for musical purposes (Oslon, 2013). The interval divisions, whether a division of a third, fourth, fifth, octave, etc... have constantly evolved. Ancient Greece was marked by the works of Pythagoras and Aristoxenus (Thomas, 2017). All divisions took into consideration the harmonic properties of the sound in addition to conventional ratios and proportions (Thomson, 2001). The octave division remained an open musicological subject, and Sabra's work fits perfectly in this context.

## Chapter II: Literature Review

## I- Life

Wadia Sabra was born on February 23, 1876 at Aïn al-Jadidé, a region of Mount Lebanon, and died on April 11, 1952. He was raised in a well-educated family. His father was Girges Sabra, director of the British school of Beirut ${ }^{5}$, and his mother was Sarah Sarkis, a teacher at the same school. She was a poet, spoke five languages, and was also a musician. The young Wadia Sabra used to sing as an Alto in his school choir, he had two music teachers: Mr. Walker, and Mr. Day (Kayali, 2018) ${ }^{6}$. Mr. Day encouraged Sabra in pursuing a musical career. In 1893, Sabra moved to France, where he was tutored by many renowned professors at that time ${ }^{7}$. His studies were focused on Piano, Pipe Organ, Singing, Theory, Harmony and Composition. In Sabra's correspondences we can find many positive feedbacks and attestations about his musical progress and talent. After returning to Lebanon, Wadia Sabra founded Dar al-Mousiqa al-Loubnania ${ }^{8}$ in 1910, where he started and developed his career. His constant musical activities were mainly divided on Administration, Composition, Performance, and Musicology.

[^2]It was Albert Lavignac ${ }^{9}$, who incited Sabra toward the musicological field, in particular toward research in the oriental music. Once, Lavignac told him that he wasn't able to find two measures of Oriental music, everything that existed then was counterfeit. Thus, Sabra proceeded his studies on the Oriental modes using ancient and contemporary references. Alternatively, Wadia Sabra had an active composition career: he composed different Hymns (Lebanese, Ottoman, Syrian...), patriotic songs, and operas in French, Arabic and Turkish, he also composed sacred vocal music, and arranged other Oriental popular songs.

In her book, "Figures musicales du liban - Wadia Sabra" (2018), Zeina Kayali concluded the part dedicated to Sabra's life, with a section entitled "Rêves Brisés", which literally translates to: Broken Dreams. In this section, she expressed Wadia Sabra's wish to make of his country the lighthouse of the Middle East in the musicological field. While she considered him a musical polyglot, who had an ambition to promote Western music in the Orient, and the Oriental music in the West, she mentioned Sabra's dream about founding a Lebanese musicological journal, but this dream was never realized. Moreover, in the same section, Kayali dedicated an important part to talk about a specific dream of Wadia Sabra, which was about organizing a Universal Musical Congress under the aegis of the UNESCO ${ }^{10}$. He also promised that during this Congress, he will disclose the secret of his discovery. Unfortunately, this never happened.

[^3]
## II- Musicological Work

This section covers Sabra's musicological development. We will start by the "Monochord Keyboard" and "Commatic Piano", in addition to Sabra's researches on the Oriental scales and his contribution to the Congress of Cairo - 1932. Then, we will present the published material related to his theory about the "Universal Scale" and the "New Unit-Interval".

## The "Monochord Keyboard" and "Commatic Piano"

Mohamed Saifallah Abderrazzak ${ }^{11}$ considered the Monochord Keyboard as one of the most important realizations of Wadia Sabra. He considered that this measurement instrument was indispensable for the elaboration of his scale. Sabra collaborated for the elaboration of this instrument with Gustave Lyon, a French acoustician and proprietary of Pleyel piano factory ${ }^{12}$. Later, Sabra has built a Commatic Piano ${ }^{13}$, which the first model was entirely made by Bechara Ferzane in Lebanon, other model was developed with the help of Gustave Lyon, and the Pleyel Piano Factory ${ }^{14}$ (Kheirallah, 1995). The piano and its plans have disappeared, we still have just a photo of it from the Congress of Cairo in 1932, where it was demonstrated.

If we sort Sabra's realizations based on a timeline, we notice that the "Commatic Piano" appeared many years before the "Universal Scale". Also, while demonstrating his "Commatic

[^4]Piano" Sabra mentioned that it contains 90 notes in the octave ${ }^{15}$, without giving any information about the exact numerical proportions. The secrecy around the numerical proportion, would suggest a certain link between Sabra's 90 divisions of the octave and the later "Universal Scale", which are both based on microtones. Moreover, Sabra's work about the "Universal Scale" may have been developed and generalized from this particular development of the "Commatic Piano"


Figure 2: The Monochord Keyboard

[^5]
## Research on the Oriental Scales and contribution to the Congress of Cairo 1932

Sabra has performed his researches on the Oriental scales aiming to understand its composition, and its links with the natural harmony. To do so, he studied the ancient writings such as Al-Farabi's ${ }^{16}$, in addition to more contemporary works by Kamil al-Khula'î, Alexandre Chalfoun and R.P. Collangette. (Kayali, 2018). He always criticized the Oriental instruments for not being developed well to play the Oriental Music ${ }^{17}$, and considered that their imprecision is "disgusting for the educated ears" (Sabra, 1929). In another writing he considered that Arabic music, which was too long underestimated, should finally be rehabilitated (Sabra, 1941).

Sabra always opposed the use of the 24 equal quarter tone system in the Arabic music, and this particular point was expressed clearly during his participation in the international convention for Arabic Music, Cairo 1932, were he headed the Lebanese delegation ${ }^{18}$. One principal objective of the convention was to set the scale and to determine a standard musical notation. This objective was problematic and was divided by two antagonist opinions (Maalouf, 2002). Further to his attendance in the Congress, Sabra wrote a report Entitled "Congrès de Musique Arabe du Caire - Etude Détaillée sur les Travaux des Commissions Considérations \& Conclusions", translated to: "Congress of Arabic Music of Cairo- Detailed Study on the work of the commissions - Considerations and Conclusions".

[^6]In the above-mentioned report, Wadia Sabra considered that setting the Oriental Scale was the most important topic of the congress, however the committee responsible of the subject failed to take any decision and kept all questions suspended (SABRA, 1932). After explaining the opinions of the participants, he mentioned his approval to the "Arabic Just Scale" ${ }^{19}$, which he proposed during the Congress. His proposition consisted of a system of 90 commas. He did not present a tangible reason for choosing this particular 90 divisions, neither the logic behind it. He considered that these 90 divisions of the octave will reproduce authentically the Oriental Music. He also added that this division gradually shrinks by a certain numerical proportion which will be revealed at a later stage (Sabra, 1932).

The Commatic Scale, as described by Sabra is translated and presented as follows:
"... the Arabic musical scale is composed by:

- Tones physically major $\left(8 / 9^{\text {th }}\right.$ of the length of a string) ... 12
- Tones physically minor (9/10th of the length of a string) ... 12
- Each of these 24 tones has a diminished tone of around
$1 / 50^{\text {th }}$ of a whole tone ... 24
- The tones emanating from the use of the 3 types of cigah ${ }^{20}$ (the fourth being among the diminished)

36

- Notes omitted from the physical scale ... 5
- The octave of the fundamental

Total ... 90 "

[^7]

## Légende du Tableau Comparatif

1.- Les rondes représentent les notes de la gamme tempérée.
2.- Les noirs représentent les $\mathbf{7}$ com mas contenus dans chaque demiton.
3.- Le signe carré indique les 5 notes empruntées à la gamme physique ${ }^{*}$
4.- Les notes do, sol, ré, la, mi, précédées du chiffre 1 représentent les notes justes selon l'accord du quatuor à cordes.
5.- La distance qui sépare les notes do, et ré, représente l'intervalle théorique de ces deux notes.
6.- La position du do diėze indique celle du demi-ton tempéré.
7.- Le point noir no. 6 représente approximativement les trois quarts duton.
8.- La distance entre le do fondamental et le signe placé immédiatement au-dessus représente la distance du comma connu figurant la $9^{\text {eme }}$ partie du ton.

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& \text { الالُخوذة من اللمالطالطيبي } \\
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## The Universal Scale and New Unit of Interval Measurement

In order to promote his theory, Wadia Sabra published many writings, and held multiple conferences treating his subject. During our research, we started by reading Sabra's publications and writings presented in his conferences. Then, in order to have a better understanding of the theory, we categorized his approach into four axes:

1. The problematic

Wadia Sabra presented the problematic residing in the 12 divisions of the octave ${ }^{21}$ (Sabra, 1940). He detailed his statement by explaining the old musicological debate related to temperaments calculations. His approach was as follows:

First, he mentioned the existence of the Pythagorean comma ${ }^{22}$,

$$
\text { Pythagorian Comma }=\frac{12 \text { perfect fifths }}{7 \text { octaves }}=\frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{12}}{2^{7}}=\frac{531441}{524288}=1.013643265
$$

Then he added ${ }^{23}$ :
"Nous n'ignorons pas, par ailleurs, que la tierce naturelle dont le rapport égale 5/4 est la $8^{e}$ quinte d'une série de 12 autres quintes descendantes dont la dernière note est inferieure d'un comma a la note fondamentale. Ces notes de la série descendante sont d'un

[^8]comma plus bas que les mêmes notes obtenues par quintes ascendantes; et alors que la fondamentale et la quinte de l'accord parfait majeur sont prises dans la série ascendante, la tierce majeure est prise dans la série descendante. »

Its English translation:
"We are also aware that the natural third whose ratio equals $5 / 4$ is the 8 th fifth in a series of 12 other descending fifths, whose last note is one comma less than the fundamental. These notes of the descending series are one comma lower than the same notes obtained by ascending fifths; and while the fundamental and the fifth of a perfect major chord are selected from the ascending series, the major third is taken from the descending series. ${ }^{24}$ " It is important to note that the ratio of the $8^{\text {th }}$ fifth in a series of 12 descending fifths is not equal to $5 / 4$

$$
\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-8} * 2^{5}=\frac{8192}{6561}=1.24859015393995<\frac{5}{4}
$$

Difference $=\frac{\frac{5}{4}}{\frac{8992}{6561}}=1.00112915039062=\frac{1}{12.0078}$ of the pythagorian comma

Sabra added: "...the ancients and the moderns [Musicians] have both agreed, for practical purposes, not to exceed the number of 12 notes per octave". According to him, that's where the problem of the octave division resides.

[^9]Moreover, Sabra always had a dream about unifying the different musical systems ${ }^{25}$.
He considered that every science has a universal system, but unfortunately, music doesn't, even though it should be treated as a universal language (Sabra, 1934). This statement was in the context of a comparative study between different musical systems. ${ }^{26}$

These statements indicate that Sabra started from an existing problematic that was debated for centuries, and it is the composition of the scale. However, in addition to this challenge, he enlarged his subject to include the unification of different music systems. Sabra emphasized the need to define in an exact manner, by a mathematical formula, all the degrees that constitute these different scales (Sabra, n.d.) ${ }^{27}$. Hence, a new unit of interval measurement, able to represent all the degrees in the different music systems, shall be considered.

[^10]2. Publishing the theory (Numbers, formula, properties, etc...)

In the context of the second axis, it is already known that Sabra didn't publish neither numbers, nor formulas. However, he did mention in his writings many of the proprieties and clues related to his theory. In a leaflet entitled, «Au monde scientifique et artistique, Nouvelle unité de mesure des intervalles musicaux, Gamme Universelle », Sabra cited explicitly the characteristics of the new interval measurement unit. We will write its English translation below.
"The measurement unit which we propose to the scientific and artistic world, has the following properties:

1) It is contained a whole number of times in the octave interval.
2) It is contained a whole number of times in any musical interval belonging to ancient or modern scale, recognized and defined until today. ${ }^{28}$
3) The sequence on $N$ intervals equal to the unit, forms a scale of which all the degrees can be obtained by a regular progression of perfect chords starting from the fundamental and ending in the octave. ${ }^{29}$
4) This Interval-Unit admits neither multiple, nor submultiple, integer or fractional, having the properties of the unit which have just been enumerated ${ }^{30}$ ".
[^11]In the same leaflet, he also published the nomenclature of the 6 tables of the universal scale.

Below is its English translation:
"We have also drawn up the following tables:

1) Table giving each degree of the UnIVERSAL SCALE the number of vibrations ${ }^{31}$, the length of the string, and the logarithm of the interval it forms with the fundamental. (The fundamental being given by a string of length equal to 100 cm , its number of vibrations taken as a unit) ${ }^{32}$
2) Table locating each degree of all recognized musical scales, in the UnIVERSAL SCALE.
3) Table of chords whose regular sequence generates the totality of the degrees of the Universal Scale
4) Table of order allowing to locate the place of each interval in the previous table
5) Table of square roots of the ratios defining the intervals. ${ }^{33}$
6) Table of the Commatic Scale reproducing, for the first time, the ratio of each comma with the fundamental. "

In another writing ${ }^{34}$, Sabra mentioned the existence of 28 types of intervals in his universal system. Another property was also found in a small fascicule ${ }^{35}$, he said that the universal

[^12]scale was based on the Pythagorean system ${ }^{36}$ and on all the intervals of both ancient and modern scales. All these intervals represent a small part of the totality of the universal scale intervals.

Presenting only this much information, Sabra justified himself by considering that the scientific utility of this discovery would require, in accordance to its importance, certain precautions before its disclosure. (Sabra, n.d.)
3. Proving its validity by experiments and direct application

Proving a validity of a certain theory without the disclosure of its essence may be unusual. However, Wadia Sabra, mentioned a hint of application in his leaflet ${ }^{37}$ to the scientific and artistic world. We will write its English translation:
"Here is an example, taken randomly among so many others, which allows to realize both the exactitude and the facility with which one finds, by the use of the tables of the Universal Scale, the solution of the problems concerning the definition of the intervals using string length, number of vibrations and logarithm.

Let's find the string length, number of vibrations and logarithm of the tempered major third (1000000/12599211) of the Chinese seventh (32768/59049)

[^13]1) Using the classical method
a- String Length
$\frac{32768}{59049} \times \frac{10000000}{12599211} \times 2=\frac{655360000000}{743970810339}$

Let 88.0894, string length
b- Number of vibrations

$$
\frac{59049}{32768} \times \frac{12599211}{10000000} \times \frac{1}{2}=\frac{743970810339}{655360000000}
$$

Let 1.135209, number of vibrations
c- Logarithm of the number of vibrations

Log. $1.135209=0.055759$

Logarithm of the number of vibrations of the requested note
2) Using the tables of the universal scale

While representing by $a$ and $b$ the order numbers which in the universal scale define respectively the tempered major third and the Chinese seventh, and while searching in the tables, the number corresponding with $(a+b)$, we find, exactly, the same results already found, and without any calculation."

Besides the above text, no other proofs or application were found in his writings.
4. Assessing the added value of the theory, in the application field

In this axis, Sabra has dedicated the biggest part of his writings. The advantages brought by his theory were thoroughly described on different occasions. In a booklet where he compared different temperaments with his new improved system, he started by analyzing the following systems: Just intonation, Pythagorean, Meantone and Equal temperaments, in addition to some contemporary theories at his time: "Gamme Transpositrice" ${ }^{38}$, "Gamme Rationnelle"39, and the "Theory of Fifths" by Sir James Jeans. Then, he introduced his new improved system of dividing the 12 semitones of the octave.
"...il ne reste plus qu'à énumérer les avantages qu'aura le nouveau système sur le système tempéré ainsi que sur tous les autres systèmes employés jusqu'ici :

1) Le nouveau système perfectionné garde à chacune des notes dont sont formés les accords l'importance émanant du rang qu'elles occupent dans la série des harmoniques...
2) Il réhabilite le plus important des harmoniques, la quinte juste, ainsi qu'en partie la septième harmonique.
3) Il fait réapparaitre les modes anciens ainsi que les véritables couleurs des gammes.
4) Par l'emplie de ses 28 espèces d'intervalles distincts et varies, il met au choix du compositeur, de intervalles ayant plusieurs formes allant de la consonnance parfaite, à la consonnance moyenne et jusqu'à la dissonance, ceci sans augmenter le nombre des 12 demi-tons dans l'octave.
5) Il donne la solution du problème de la dualité de la Geme degré, problème non résolu dans la Gamme Physique
6) Il fait ressortir des tierces majeures et mineures plus consonantes que celles de la Gamme Tempéré.
7) Autant que la Gamme Tempéré a fait réaliser à l'orchestre moderne de la justesse quant à l'ensemble, le Nouveau Système Perfectionne lui fera réaliser encore plus de justesse et rendra l'accordage des instruments à claviers et à sons fixes plus rationnel. "
[^14]We will present below the English translation:
"...It only remains to enumerate the advantages that the new system will have on the temperate system as well as on the other systems used until now:

1) The new improved system keeps each of the notes from which the chords are formed the importance emanating from the rank they occupy in the series of harmonics...
2) It rehabilitates the most important of the harmonics, the perfect fifth, as well as in part the harmonic seventh.
3) It makes reappear the old modes as well as the real colors of the scales.
4) Using its 28 distinct and varied species of intervals, it puts at the choice of the composer, intervals having several forms, ranging from the perfect consonant, to the middle consonant and up to the dissonance, this without increasing the number of the twelve semitones in the octave
5) It gives the solution to the problem of duality of the sixth degree ${ }^{40}$, an unsolved problem in the Pythagorean scale ${ }^{41}$.
6) It brings out major and minor thirds more consonant than in the Tempered Scale ${ }^{42}$
7) As much as the Tempered Scale has made the modern orchestra achieve overall accuracy, the new improved system will make it achieve even more accuracy and will make the tuning of keyboards and fixed-sounding instruments more rational.,"
[^15]Also, in his leaflet which was addressed to the "Scientific and Artistic World", he enumerated many advantages to using his universal system. Sabra considered that the discovery of his unit of interval measurement opens new horizons to theorists, because it is not by coincidence, as he stated, that this unit answers both to musical and mathematical conditions. He added that the existence of a law, unknown back then, showed that all intervals found in ancient and modern modes, Oriental and Western, are integer multiples of the same UnitInterval (Sabra, n.d.). Sabra also justified the universal property of his scale by stating that any series of $N+1$ equidistant degree of a unit, create a scale " $A$ ". This scale is characterized by the fact that a random degree of a random scale "B", find its exact place in the scale "A" (Sabra, n.d.). In the same context, he assured that the Universal Scale is the solution to the most complex problems in music, such as Ancient modes, Color of scales, origin of tonalities, and designation of monodic music systems in relation with the modern polyphonic system. Moreover, he compared his new scale to Mendeleev Periodic Table, ${ }^{43}$ where it can predict the music trends of the next centuries. He believed that if the law, created various existing music systems through the centuries and over the globe, this same law will also govern future music systems, which will necessarily coincide with the Universal Scale.

All of the above phrases were repeatedly stated on different occasions. While reading his conferences, we noticed that he always mentioned the advantages of his theory. Moreover, he also repeated that the "Secret" of the Universal Scale, as he described it, will be revealed, in the right time.

[^16]
## Sabra's Theory in other's Literature

After expressing Wadia Sabra's approach on presenting his own theory, an overview on how this theory was treated by other authors will be performed.

In the musicological Postface, the third part of Kayali’s book, "Figures musicales du Liban Wadia Sabra - Compositeur" (2018), Mohamed Saifallah Ben Abderrazak dedicated an important part to talk about Wadia Sabra's universal scale in the context of his musicological realizations. He considered that the Universal Scale in addition to the unit of interval measurement, were Sabra's most important achievements and the outcome of his researches. He also confirms that Sabra never provided any mathematical formula nor any numerical value for his Unit-Interval.

It is to be noted that Abderrazak's judgment on Sabra's work was based only on his articles, conferences and correspondences, without tackling the numbers and calculation manuscripts. Although his work was not meant to be focused on Sabra's Scale only, but considering the Universal Scale as Sabra's most important achievements, is based only on Sabra's intention as reflected in his writings, but will this hold true?

Marc-Henri Mainguy, while mentioning Wadia Sabra in his book "La Musique au Liban", witnessed that the latter researched patiently to create new bonds between Oriental and Western music conception. He considered that for Sabra, the New Interval Unit was his life discovery, unfortunately, it was abandoned then, despite the valued review of European musical authorities. In the next chapter, an apercu on what was considered "Valued Reviews" will be performed and commented.

Shereen Khairallah also wrote about Sabra's universal scale and considered that it was the result of 30 years of work and it solved the problem of the musical scale. However, she did not define the problem of the musical scale, neither presented any evidence how Sabra supposedly solved it. Also, while developing the subject, she only rephrased Wadia Sabra's publications. Finally, due to the fact that the secret of this universal unit was never disclosed, she wondered if the time had come to search for it. (Kheirallah, 1995)

Theophile Fakhr was a music history teacher at the conservatory. It is mentioned in an untitled and undated document found in the CPML archives, that Sabra trusted him to complete his tables, however, we were not able to find any trace of him elsewhere. We wished to find any link to him in the Lebanese National Conservatory, nevertheless, we failed due to the lack of a proper archive, as we have been informed.

After consulting the literature that tackled this subject, we noticed that the level of scientific information about the topic did not exceed what Sabra had already revealed in his writings.

## Chapter III: Methodology

After completing the Literature Review based on the published material that we found on the subject, we will be exposing and analyzing in this chapter, more material from Sabra's Archive. The compiled materials from Wadia Sabra's correspondences, personal calculation notes and other documents will be used in this case study. We will proceed first by exposing the reactions found in Sabra's correspondences, so we may later collect some clues. Second, we will be searching in his personal calculation manuscripts and other key documents for useful hints that define the needed parameters.

## I- Reactions and Interactions

The announcements performed by Wadia Sabra, have been the interests of musical and scientific authorities back then. The reactions of recognized musicologists and scientists at the time, are clearly expressed in different letters and reviews. Although the reviews were positive, they came with a large spectrum of assumptions. Each person conceived Sabra's announcements based on his field of interest. Some reviews were cited by Sabra himself while promoting his theory during his conferences. Others were also mentioned in the literature about Wadia Sabra, in the purpose of showing the importance of his work in general. For this study, we have chosen to talk about the reactions and interactions, not to agree with all the content, but in order to show the expectations that were considered further to Sabra's announcements, and to estimate later how Sabra's peers influenced the work propaganda.

A Mystery

Henri Rabaud (1873-1949) was a French conductor, composer and pedagogue, and the director of the "Convervatoire de Paris" from 1922 till 1941. Further to a brochure sent to him by Wadia Sabra exposing his new scale, he expressed in a letter ${ }^{44}$, his interest about knowing more on the subject. He wrote that Sabra cited the advantages of his system, however, didn't describe exactly what this system is and how exactly are the intervals formed. He also considered that "the existence of pure fifths and pure thirds in a 12 notes division is as mysterious as squaring the circle ${ }^{45 \prime \prime}$. Below this letter, Sabra added a personal comment stating that he surely wouldn't send Mr. Rabaud the secret of his discovery, as he reserved it for a public communication at a right time.

## A Needed Tool

In a correspondence between Wadia Sabra and Vladimir Belaiev ${ }^{46}$ (1909-1990) who was a Soviet orientalist writer, Belaiev shows his great interest and appreciation to Sabra's work. He considered that this work has two particular significances for the Soviet Union. First, because it is related to the study of the different musical oriental cultures in the U.S.S.R, and second, because it is related to the development of the western music. Moreover, he shares with Sabra the same concerns and interest in creating a universal music system; his main

[^17]drive was that the different populations of the USSR possess diverse musical systems, as he mentioned for instance the complexity of Azerbaijani and Armenian music systems.

## Music Destinies

Prudent Pruvost (18..-1960), French musicologist and composer, expressed his interest and appreciation to the fact that Sabra was dedicated to study a "problem which is a fundament of every harmony" ${ }^{47}$. He considered that "during this period of renovation, this work would have a great influence on the destinies of music".

## Possible Dispelled Ambiguity

Eugène Borrel (1864-1962), was a French violinist and musicologist, and also member of the "Société Française de Musicologie" ${ }^{48}$. In a letter to Wadia Sabra in 1937, he expressed his interest in Sabra's work and urged him to reveal his theory the soonest. In the same letter, Borrel mentioned that the "idea of attracting the attention of the Academies on Sabra's new Unit of measurement isn't an easy task, because scientific institutions never like to change their habitude, and will generally not see an interest in the subject". However, he concluded his letter by saying: "We live, in the acoustic and music fields, on ambiguities that would first have to be dispelled - and your unit ${ }^{49}$ could be for this matter, a big help"

[^18]Quantum Theory
D.S. Aisberg (n.d.) a French pianist and pedagogue, expressed his admiration to the value of Sabra's work. In a letter sent to Wadia Sabra in $1937^{50}$, Mr. Aisberg assumed that the Universal Scale, as announced by Sabra, was not just a simplification of the calculation, however, it may be based on the physiological particularities of the ear. He considered that this scale was similar to Planck's Quantum Theory ${ }^{51}$ which will put an end to the concept of continuity of the musical frequencies as perceived by our brain. He added that the new unit of interval measurement could be considered as a pitch perception Quantum. Although this idea was based on a personal assumption, and was never related to Sabra's work, we have found in Sabra's archive some undated papers explaining Planck's Quantum theory. It may have triggered Sabra to learn more on this subject.

## Extensive discussion

In a rich correspondence between Wadia Sabra and Lucien Rouzet ${ }^{52}$ (1886-1948), who was a French physicist and acoustician, we found an extensive discussion in the 1930's about both Sabra's theory and the Rational Scale or "La Gamme Rationelle", invented by Rouzet. Perhaps, we can say that Rouzet was the closest to understand the work of Sabra, as himself achieved another work in the very same direction. Rouzet first created a geometrical representation of his scale as follows:

[^19]

Figure 4 : La Gamme Rationnelle" by Lucien Rouzet ${ }^{53}$

All consecutive notes in the same line have $3 / 2$ ratio between each other, whereas the ratio between 2 consecutive notes in different lines is $5 / 4$. Rouzet considers that his scale is a natural deduction of the consonance. Sabra considered that it has the quality of Simplicity, however, he highlighted some remarks related to the existence of shorter fifth between the second and sixth degree. Rouzet justified this issue by stating that it was to show the colors of the scales. In a letter sent to Sabra, while introducing him to his rational scale and unit of measurement, Rouzet wondered if they both had found the same numbers. Rouzet wrote that his unit was contained 113 times in the $9 / 8$ interval and 51 times in the 16/15 interval. Apart from this letter, we did not find any evidence about an explicit reply by Sabra on this specific point.

[^20]Expression of interest

Sir James Jeans (1877-1946), was and English physicist and mathematician. In the 1930's, he published a book entitled "Science \& Music". We have found extracts of this book in Sabra's archive. In a letter sent by Wadia Sabra to Sir James Jeans ${ }^{54}$, Sabra highlighted his "deep interest" in Jeans's approximation which is: "306 fifths $=179-0.0014$ Octaves" 55 , and told Jeans that his universal Scale expresses the numbers of this approximation. Also, Sabra asked him about his disposition to correspond with him on "this important topic". In a brief reply ${ }^{56}$, Sir James wrote that he is interested in the whole subject but "Unhappily too busy to discuss the various questions raised".

A loss

In a condolence letter sent to Adele Misk, Alexis Chottin (1891-1975), a French Ethnomusicologist, considered that "Sabra's death was premature as he was not able to publish the results of his studies on the Universal Scale". He also considered that "No one is able to continue his work, which is a loss for both Science and Art". We are not sure what did he mean by the word "continue", is it to continue the publication or the elaboration of the work?

[^21]
## II- Calculation Manuscripts

While searching in Sabra's Archive, we found in a box referenced: "Informations"57, a pack of folders, each containing pages of handwritten calculations done by Sabra himself. Also, we found some key documents that gave us important hints and helped us understand Sabra's approach. These hints were mostly located in (and not limited to) correspondences with H.P. Mulholland, whom Sabra consulted in 1947, and also deducted from copied extracts of books by Hermann von Helmholtz, L. Rouzet, Max Planck, A.J. Ellis, S.J. Jeans, etc...

In one of his letters ${ }^{58}$ sent to the general manager of the UNESCO, Mr. Julian Huxley, Sabra asked him to organize a Universal Music Congress under the patronage of the UNESCO, and mentioned the elaboration of 27 Tables of the universal scale while requesting their support to print them. However, we found in his archive 21 folders (Tables) enumerated several times by the author, which caused some ambiguity. In the following paragraphs, we will elaborate the description of these tables, while considering the enumeration found in the center of each folder cover.

## 01- "Justesse Absolue"

A calculation of the logarithm of 26 upward pure fifths for each note starting from the note C (Do) consecutively up to $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{Si})$, and 26 downward pure fifths for each note starting from C (Do) consecutively down to $\mathrm{Db}(\operatorname{Re} \mathrm{b}$ ). At the end of this document, Sabra has also drawn a

[^22]table entitled, "Composition de la Véritable Gamme Commatique", translated to, "The Composition of the real Commatic scale" ${ }^{59}$

## 02- "Logarithmes"

In this sheet, Sabra calculated the logarithm of every step ratio of his scale. The lines counted 613. The rows were divided in 51 blocks of 12 lines each. We have deducted here that he may had divided the octave to 612 parts.

## 03- "Tableau Indicateur"

This table shows the equivalent rank of each note going downward fifths in black and upward fifths in red.

## 04- "Longueurs"

It contains the string length of each of the 612 divisions based on a string of 100 cm . The calculation is rounded to 5 decimals. In addition, 2 other columns were made for the cumulative variation ( $L(0)-L(n)$ ), and step length ( $L(n)-L(n-1)$ ).

05- "Parties Retenues"

This table shows the length of the retained part of the string at each step from 1 to 613

06- "Accords"

[^23]This folder was divided to 12 tables, representing each note from 1 to $12(\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} \#, \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{D} \#, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{F}$, F\#, G, G\#, A, A\#, B). Each table contains 2 sections: 4 rows on the left for the descending fifths and 4 other rows on the right for the ascending fifths (as shown in the Table No3 "Tableau Indicateur"). In each section, left and right, we find the reference numbers and String Lengths of the chord, which is made from the fundamental, pure $3^{\text {rd }}$, pure $5^{\text {th }}$, and minor seventh.

## 07- "Racine Carré"

This table contains 2 columns. The first column is dedicated to the retained string length of the ranks $n=\{1,2,3, \ldots, 306\}$, while the second shows the retained string length of the ranks $N=n-1$

## 08- "Gammes"

This folder entitled "Gammes", which means "Scales", contains draft calculation pages with ratios, and string lengths of several scales: Collangettes, Pruvost, 53 divisions, 36 divisions, 34 divisions and 17 divisions.

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09-N/A
10-N/A
11-"Rapports"
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In this folder we find a draft of the emplacement of several ratios in Sabra's scale.

## 12- "Nombre de Vibration"

Here, Sabra has drawn a table containing the ratio of each step of the octave division. The numbers are expressed with 11 decimal places, going from $R(1)=1$ till $R(613)=2$

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13-"306"
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It's a draft folder showing Sir. J. Jeans's approximation of the octave and fifths.

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15- "Schismes"
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Calculation of a Schism.

16- "Schismes à 16d"

Sabra has drawn a table of logarithms for his octave division, expressed in 16 decimal places He also mentioned in this table 25 red lines that separate the lines with constant addition factor of 0.0004939605507023

## 17- "Justesses Absolues 16dec"

Similar to table No 01 but expressed in 16 Decimal places.

18- "Les 306 Quintes"

This table contains the logarithm, retained string length, and reference numbers of 306 upward and downward Fifths.

19- "Les 306 Schismes- 16 Decimals"

Here, sabra has drawn a table showing the Logarithm relative to each step, expressed with 16 Decimal places, in addition to the reference numbers, retained string length and note name.

Tables Comparing Sabra's Division to the 1200 division used by Farmer.

## 21- "Gustave Lyon"

This folder contains a single page entitled "Divisions en collaboration avec Gustave Lyon", translated to: "Divisions in collaboration with Gustave Lyon".

## 22- "Comma de Pythagore"

Table of the 613 decimal ratios used to show and calculate Pythagoras comma and Jeans's approximation.

23-N/A

24-N/A

25- "8192-10935"

Calculation of a scale generated by the ratio $\frac{8192}{10935}$

## 26- "Divers"

This folder contains a number of oriental scales and other divisions, in addition to a table similar to the one presented in No $01^{60}$.

27-N/A

## III- Key Documents

In addition to the calculation manuscripts, we found a couple of key documents ${ }^{61}$, consisting of 2 letters from H.P. Mulholland ${ }^{62}$, who apparently Sabra consulted him. Based on the content, there are reasons to believe that Wadia Sabra had met him and trusted him with his calculation sheets. On May 20 1947, one week later to Sabra's request, Mulholland replied with a first letter containing general comments, then, on June 20 1947, he sent his second review commenting on the mathematical aspect of Sabra's work. Due to the importance of these documents, we will be exposing below their content while categorizing them into different related aspects of the work.

## Interval Approximation

In the first letter, Mulholland commented on three interval approximations used by Sabra.

## 1- Tempered Fourth ${ }^{63}$

Let $A=\frac{10935}{8192}=1.3348388671875$

The interval $\mathrm{A}=1.3348388671875$ is considered equal to a
Tempered Fourth $=2^{\frac{5}{12}}=1.33483985417003$ with an accuracy up to 5 decimal places.
He wrote, "The group of intervals generated by the Octave, the true Fifth, and the true Third

[^24]contains an excellent Approximation to a tempered fourth (and hence to all the other tempered intervals within the octave)"

2- Approximation of 12 A minus 5 Octaves
In this point, he calculated the difference between 12 steps of interval A and 5 Octaves. He found that the ratio of the difference is 0.999991 . Thus, the error is $1 / 100000$, and less than $1 / 100^{\text {th }}$ of a comma. Mulholland considered that if the interval "A" "were to replace the tempered fourth in tuning all the 12 semitones, no appreciable discrepancy would be encountered".

3- Fifths and octave approximation
He also mentioned the approximation given by J. Jeans, which is:

$$
306 \text { Fifths }=179-0.0014 \text { Octaves }
$$

However, he proposed another approximation:

$$
665 \text { Fifths }=389-0.00008 \text { Octaves }
$$

## Unit of intervals measurement

In his second letter, Mulholland commented on Sabra's choice of the interval measurement unit. We have clearly understood through the first paragraph of this letter, that the Schism was proposed as a structural unit for Sabra's scale, which is the excess of the Pythagorean

Comma over the Syntonic Comma ${ }^{64}$. Mulholland pointed out that this choice has the advantage of belonging to the group of intervals generated by the octave, the fifth, and the third. He also mentioned that it could be approximated to $1 / 12^{\text {th }}$ of the Pythagorean Comma, which exceeds a Schism by a millionth of an octave. Moreover, he noted that Sabra adapted the best approximation of the fifths as given by Jeans.

$$
\frac{179}{306} \text { of an octave, or } 7 \frac{1}{51} \text { tempered semitones }
$$

He suggested dividing the tempered semitone into 51, and octave into 612 equal parts, each of which would exceed a Schism by about six millionths of an octave. For this, he proposed calling it a "Tempered Schism" in order to differentiate it from the "Natural Schism", which was considered by Sabra.

In another paragraph, entitled "Desiderata in choosing a unit", Mulholland observed that in the declaration made by Sabra in his leaflet to the Scientific world, the new unit is contained a whole number of times in the octave, and in any musical interval belonging to ancient or modern scale, recognized and defined until today. Mulholland demonstrated that no unit can fulfill exactly the above-mentioned properties announced by Sabra. He gave the following example:

[^25]"If the unit is contained a whole number of times in the octave it cannot be so contained in the true fifth. For, otherwise, we should have $N$ fifths equal to $n$ octaves, and thus,
$$
\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{N}=2^{n}=>3^{N}=2^{n+N}
$$
... This equality cannot be true if $N$ and $n$ are whole numbers... Thus, the proprieties enumerated in your leaflet can only hold approximately"

Mulholland suggested that this point should be stated explicitly by Sabra, as he may be "criticized for asserting a mathematical impossibility." He continued by dressing a table comparing different unit choices to other intervals. For its importance, it is reproduced here below.

| Interval | $\underline{\text { Ratio }}$ | $\underline{\text { Octaves }}$ | $\underline{\text { Semitones }}$ |  | $\frac{\text { Tempered }}{\text { Schisms }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Table 1 : Mulholland's Unit Comparision

Mulholland concluded that the Tempered Schism is the most convenient unit in terms of size. His opinion was based on the fact that the Tempered Schism is contained a whole number of times in the octave and the Tempered Semitone (by definition), and nearly an exact number of times in both the true fifth (error $=0.003$ of a Schism) and the true third (error $=0.02$ of a Schism). He also mentioned that the Tempered Schism offers no great advantages over the Natural Schism for the remaining intervals (error ranging from $1 / 10^{\text {th }}$ to $1 / 4^{\text {th }}$ of a Schism)

In the other paragraphs, he continued by citing the advantages of considering 612 as a divisor, and discussed the possibility of finding a larger divisor. Then after explaining a mathematical method of finding fractions approximating closely to a given ratio, he discussed the negligibility of certain fractions of a Schism. Here, he considered that negligibility is always related to the envisaged application. He also advised that "if a table of musical intervals is expressed in schisms, it should give not only the nearest whole number of schisms, but also the requisite fractional correction".

## IV- Parameters and Tools

Based on the aforementioned observations, we will be discussing our findings based on the following criteria:

1- Finding the octave divisor of sabra's scale
2- Checking the regularity of the octave division
3- Elaborating and calculating the numbers (string length ratios and logarithm)
4- Comparing the results with Sabra's calculations

As for the mathematical, musical and acoustical tools, we have proceeded in accordance with the calculation methods used by Sabra:

1- Defining the physical proprieties of the fundamental note

In accordance with Sabra's work, all divisions will be done on a string where the fundamental note is defined by:
a) String Length: $L_{1}=100.00000$ ( 5 decimal places)
b) Number of Vibrations ${ }^{65}$ : $R_{1}=1.00000000000$ (11 decimal places)
c) Logarithm of the $R_{1}: \quad l_{1}=0.00000000000(11$ decimal places $)$

2- Defining the physical proprieties of the other notes and their relation with the fundamental

All the other notes (Ranks of Sabra's Universal Scale) will be defined by their rank number n

$$
n=(1,2,3,4, \ldots, 613)
$$

Where, $n=1$, refers to the fundamental, and $n=613$ refers to the octave

[^26]After determining the divisor $d$, we can get the Unit ratio $u$, as follows,

$$
u=2^{\frac{1}{d}}
$$

As for the physical proprieties, we will have:
a) String Length: $\quad L_{n}=L_{n-1} \times u^{-1}$
b) Ratio, (or number of vibrations as assigned by Sabra): $\quad R_{n}=R_{n-1} \times u=L_{n}^{-1}$
c) Logarithm of the interval formed with the fundamental: $l_{n}=\operatorname{LOG}\left(R_{n}\right)$

3- Rounding the numbers to a certain decimal

To round the numbers, we will proceed with Sabra's method: 5 decimals for the string length expression, 11 decimals for Ratios and Logarithms and 13 decimals for the Unit ratio.

## Chapter IV: Results and discussion

After we searched the Literature and the Archive, we were able to understand Sabra's logic in developing his theory. We will proceed by answering the criteria mentioned in the last chapter, revealing some main tables as defined in the leaflet "La Gamme Universelle", then discuss the results.

## Parameters

For the octave divisor, it seems clear from the manuscripts and from our key document that 612 is the number of divisions of the octave. The main question remains whether this division is regular or not. We have first proceeded by dividing the octave to 612 equal parts, and comparing it to Sabra's Numbers, as follows:

1- Unit ratio calculation:

$$
u=2^{\frac{1}{612}}=1.0011298906275
$$

2- Dressing the table
The Columns show in order, 1) the rank $\mathrm{N}, 2$ ) the calculated string length based on the unit ratio $u, 3$ ) the String length as calculated by Sabra, 4) the difference between Sabra's calculation and ours, 5) the calculated ratios based on the unit ratio u, 6) Sabra's Ratios and 7) the logarithms of our calculated ratio

We have found that our calculation and Sabra's numbers coincide exactly each 51 step (Highlighted in Green) and diverge to a maximum difference at each 25 steps up and down (Highlighted in Yellow).

| N | String Length | String <br> Length Sabra | Difference | Ratios | Ratios Sabra | Logarithms |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100.00000 | 100.00000 |  | 1.00000000000 | 1.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 |
| 2 | 99.88680 | 99.88713 | 0.00033 | 1.00113323506 | 1.00112989070 | 0.00049187908 |
| 25 | 97.31839 | 97.32619 | 0.00780 | 1.02755504977 | 1.02747266820 | 0.01180509787 |
| 26 | 97.20823 | 97.21635 | 0.00812 | 1.02871951118 | 1.02863359994 | 0.01229697695 |
| 27 | 97.09819 | 97.09008 | -0.00811 | 1.02988529220 | 1.02997130812 | 0.01278885602 |
| 52 | 94.38743 | 94.38743 | 0.00000 | 1.05946309436 | 1.05946309445 | 0.02508583297 |
| 53 | 94.28059 | 94.28090 | 0.00031 | 1.06066371508 | 1.06066017170 | 0.02557771205 |
| 77 | 91.75235 | 91.76001 | 0.00766 | 1.08989035654 | 1.08979933666 | 0.03738280992 |
| 102 | 89.19083 | 89.19053 | -0.00030 | 1.12119147482 | 1.12119522063 | 0.04967978687 |
| 103 | 89.08987 | 89.08987 | 0.00000 | 1.12246204831 | 1.12246204833 | 0.05017166594 |
| 104 | 88.98903 | 88.98932 | 0.00029 | 1.12373406165 | 1.12373030768 | 0.05066354502 |
| 128 | 86.60269 | 86.60992 | 0.00723 | 1.15469860966 | 1.15460217741 | 0.06246864289 |
| 153 | 84.18493 | 84.18465 | -0.00028 | 1.18786098929 | 1.18786495763 | 0.07476561984 |
| 154 | 84.08964 | 84.08964 | 0.00000 | 1.18920711500 | 1.18920711508 | 0.07525749892 |
| 155 | 83.99446 | 83.99473 | 0.00027 | 1.19055476620 | 1.19055078908 | 0.07574937799 |
| 179 | 81.74205 | 81.74887 | 0.00682 | 1.22336056204 | 1.22325839576 | 0.08755447586 |
| 204 | 79.46000 | 79.45973 | -0.00027 | 1.25849487938 | 1.25849908368 | 0.09985145281 |
| 205 | 79.37005 | 79.37005 | 0.00000 | 1.25992104989 | 1.25992104988 | 0.10034333189 |
| 206 | 79.28021 | 79.28047 | 0.00026 | 1.26134883660 | 1.26134462294 | 0.10083521097 |
| 230 | 77.15422 | 77.16066 | 0.00644 | 1.29610536657 | 1.29599712519 | 0.11264030884 |
| 255 | 75.00025 | 75.00000 | -0.00025 | 1.33332887914 | 1.33333333381 | 0.12493728578 |
| 256 | 74.91535 | 74.91535 | 0.00000 | 1.33483985417 | 1.33483985430 | 0.12542916486 |
| 257 | 74.83055 | 74.83080 | 0.00025 | 1.33635254149 | 1.33634807731 | 0.12592104394 |
| 281 | 72.82389 | 72.82997 | 0.00608 | 1.37317580229 | 1.37306112443 | 0.13772614181 |
| 306 | 70.79081 | 70.79057 | -0.00024 | 1.41261274009 | 1.41261745925 | 0.15002311875 |
| 307 | 70.71068 | 70.71070 | 0.00002 | 1.41421356237 | 1.41421356236 | 0.15051499783 |
| 308 | 70.63064 | 70.63080 | 0.00016 | 1.41581619876 | 1.41581146922 | 0.15100687691 |
| 332 | 68.73660 | 68.74240 | 0.00580 | 1.45482908459 | 1.45470758776 | 0.16281197478 |
| 357 | 66.81763 | 66.81740 | -0.00023 | 1.49661106475 | 1.49661606443 | 0.17510895173 |
| 358 | 66.74199 | 66.74190 | -0.00009 | 1.49830707688 | 1.49830707706 | 0.17560083080 |
| 359 | 66.66644 | 66.66660 | 0.00016 | 1.50000501098 | 1.50000000015 | 0.17609270988 |
| 383 | 64.87871 | 64.88410 | 0.00539 | 1.54133772372 | 1.54120900234 | 0.18789780775 |
| 408 | 63.06744 | 63.06720 | -0.00024 | 1.58560418971 | 1.58560948683 | 0.20019478470 |
| 409 | 62.99605 | 62.99600 | -0.00005 | 1.58740105197 | 1.58740105221 | 0.20068666378 |
| 410 | 62.92474 | 62.92490 | 0.00016 | 1.58919995049 | 1.58919464173 | 0.20117854285 |
| 434 | 61.23735 | 61.24240 | 0.00505 | 1.63299043423 | 1.63285405861 | 0.21298364072 |
| 459 | 59.52774 | 59.52750 | -0.00024 | 1.67988912126 | 1.67989473337 | 0.22528061767 |
| 460 | 59.46036 | 59.46030 | -0.00006 | 1.68179283051 | 1.68179283061 | 0.22577249675 |
| 461 | 59.39305 | 59.39320 | 0.00015 | 1.68369869710 | 1.68369307260 | 0.22626437583 |
| 485 | 57.80036 | 57.80520 | 0.00484 | 1.73009309851 | 1.72994861347 | 0.23806947370 |
| 510 | 56.18670 | 56.18650 | -0.00020 | 1.77978052659 | 1.77978647231 | 0.25036645064 |
| 511 | 56.12310 | 56.12310 | 0.00000 | 1.78179743628 | 1.78179743645 | 0.25085832972 |
| 512 | 56.05957 | 56.05980 | 0.00023 | 1.78381663160 | 1.78381067272 | 0.25135020880 |
| 536 | 54.55627 | 54.56080 | 0.00453 | 1.83296978767 | 1.83281671127 | 0.26315530667 |


| 561 | 53.03319 | 53.03300 | -0.00019 | 1.88561178398 | 1.88561808343 | 0.27545228361 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 562 | 52.97315 | 52.97310 | -0.00005 | 1.88774862536 | 1.88774862570 | 0.27594416269 |
| 563 | 52.91319 | 52.91340 | 0.00021 | 1.88988788829 | 1.88988157491 | 0.27643604177 |
| 587 | 51.49426 | 51.49850 | 0.00424 | 1.94196384312 | 1.94180166428 | 0.28824113964 |
| 612 | 50.05666 | 50.05650 | -0.00016 | 1.99773609542 | 1.99774276925 | 0.30053811659 |
| 613 | 50.00000 | 50.00000 | 0.00000 | 2.00000000000 | 2.00000000000 | 0.30102999566 |

Table 2: 1 st elaboration of the numbers ${ }^{66}$

The convergence with Sabra's numbers each 51 step, is due to the fact that 612 is a multiple of 12 . Thus, the 12 tones equal tempered scale is shown in Sabra's scale. Moreover, the above 612 equal division coincides with Mulholland suggestion to use the Tempered Schism. However, the shown difference suggests that an irregular division was considered by Sabra. Going deeper in observing the differences, revealed that Sabra had divided the Octave following two consecutive steps. The first division is an Equal Tempered division with a unit ratio $u=2^{\frac{1}{612}}$, where he got the following main ranks that are similar to the 12 tones equal tempered scale: $N=\{1,52,103,154,205,256,307,358,409,460,511,562,613\}$. All these ranks are positioned eventually at a difference of 51 steps. As for the remaining ranks, he used the following ratio $u^{\prime}=\frac{1}{12}$ of the pythagorean comma $=1.0011298906275$, in order to go 25 steps up and down from each note. In the same logic of the first table, we have drawn another table where we have calculated the remaining String Lengths, Ratios and Logarithms based on the Unit ratio u' and then compared it to Sabra's numbers found in his calculation manuscripts No 02, 04 and 12.

[^27]Our numbers converged with Sabra's Calculation, and showed a constant residue each 51
steps, starting from $\mathrm{n}=27$ (Written in Red)

| $N$ | String <br> Length | String <br> Length <br> Sabra | Differen <br> ce | Ratios | Ratios Sabra | Difference | Logarithms | $1(n)-1(n-1)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100.00000 | 100.00000 |  | 1.00000000000 | 1.00000000000 |  | 0.00000000000 |  |
| 2 | 99.88714 | 99.88713 | -0.00001 | 1.00112989063 | 1.00112989070 | 0.00000000007 | 0.00049042825 | 0.00049042825 |
| 3 | 99.77440 | 99.77440 | 0.00000 | 1.00226105791 | 1.00226105797 | 0.00000000006 | 0.00098085650 | 0.00049042825 |
| 4 | 99.66180 | 99.66179 | -0.00001 | 1.00339350328 | 1.00339350340 | 0.00000000012 | 0.00147128476 | 0.00049042825 |
| 5 | 99.54932 | 99.54931 | -0.00001 | 1.00452722820 | 1.00452722830 | 0.00000000010 | 0.00196171301 | 0.00049042825 |
| 25 | 97.32619 | 97.32619 | 0.00000 | 1.02747266821 | 1.02747266820 | -0.00000000001 | 0.01177027804 | 0.00049042825 |
| 26 | 97.21635 | 97.21635 | 0.00000 | 1.02863359995 | 1.02863359994 | -0.00000000001 | 0.01226070629 | 0.00049042825 |
| 27 | 97.09008 | 97.09008 | 0.00000 | 1.02997130797 | 1.02997130812 | 0.00000000015 | 0.01282512668 | 0.00056442039 |
| 51 | 94.49408 | 94.49407 | -0.00001 | 1.05826736798 | 1.05826736800 | 0.00000000002 | 0.02459540472 | 0.00049042825 |
| 52 | 94.38743 | 94.38743 | 0.00000 | 1.05946309436 | 1.05946309445 | 0.00000000009 | 0.02508583297 | 0.00049042825 |
| 53 | 94.28090 | 94.28090 | 0.00000 | 1.06066017178 | 1.06066017170 | -0.00000000008 | 0.02557626122 | 0.00049042825 |
| 77 | 91.76001 | 91.76001 | 0.00000 | 1.08979933677 | 1.08979933666 | -0.00000000011 | 0.03734653926 | 0.00049042825 |
| 78 | 91.64084 | 91.64084 | 0.00000 | 1.09121658904 | 1.09121658920 | 0.00000000016 | 0.03791095965 | 0.00056442039 |
| 102 | 89.19053 | 89.19053 | 0.00000 | 1.12119522034 | 1.12119522063 | 0.00000000029 | 0.04968123769 | 0.00049042825 |
| 103 | 89.08987 | 89.08987 | 0.00000 | 1.12246204831 | 1.12246204833 | 0.00000000002 | 5017166594 | 0.00049042825 |
| 104 | 88.98932 | 88.98932 | 0.00000 | 1.12373030766 | 1.12373030768 | 0.00000000002 | 0.05066209420 | 0.00049042825 |
| 128 | 86.60992 | 86.60992 | 0.00000 | 1.15460217756 | 1.15460217741 | -0.00000000015 | 0.06243237224 | 0.00049042825 |
| 129 | 86.49743 | 86.49742 | -0.00001 | 1.15610370404 | 1.15610370424 | 0.00000000020 | 0.06299679262 | 0.00056442039 |
| 153 | 84.18465 | 84.18465 | 0.00000 | 1.18786495752 | 1.18786495763 | 0.00000000011 | 0.07476707066 | 0.00049042825 |
| 154 | 84.08964 | 84.08964 | 0.00000 | 1.18920711500 | 1.18920711508 | 0.00000000008 | 0.07525749892 | 0.00049042825 |
| 155 | 83.99474 | 83.99473 | -0.00001 | 1.19055078898 | 1.19055078908 | 0.00000000010 | 0.07574792717 | 0.00049042825 |
| 179 | 81.74888 | 81.74887 | -0.00001 | 1.22325839579 | 1.22325839576 | -0.00000000003 | 0.08751820521 | 0.00049042825 |
| 180 | 81.64270 | 81.64270 | 0.00000 | 1.22484920768 | 1.22484920781 | 0.00000000013 | 0.08808262560 | 0.00056442039 |
| 204 | 79.45973 | 79.45973 | 0.00000 | 1.25849908358 | 1.25849908368 | 0.00000000010 | 0.09985290364 | 0.00049042825 |
| 205 | 79.37005 | 79.37005 | 0.00000 | 1.25992104989 | 1.25992104988 | -0.00000000001 | 0.10034333189 | 0.00049042825 |
| 206 | 79.28047 | 79.28047 | 0.00000 | 1.26134462288 | 1.26134462294 | 0.00000000006 | 0.10083376014 | 0.00049042825 |
| 230 | 77.16066 | 77.16066 | 0.00000 | 1.29599712521 | 1.29599712519 | -0.00000000002 | 0.11260403818 | 0.00049042825 |
| 231 | 77.06045 | 77.06049 | 0.00004 | 1.29768253169 | 1.29768253050 | -0.00000000119 | 0.11316845857 | 0.00056442039 |
| 255 | 75.00000 | 75.00000 | 0.00000 | 1.33333333333 | 1.33333333381 | 0.00000000048 | 0.12493873661 | 0.00049042825 |
| 256 | 74.91535 | 74.91535 | 0.00000 | 1.33483985417 | 1.33483985430 | 0.00000000013 | 0.12542916486 | 0.00049042825 |
| 257 | 74.83080 | 74.83080 | 0.00000 | 1.33634807721 | 1.33634807731 | 0.00000000010 | 0.12591959311 | 0.00049042825 |
| 281 | 72.82997 | 72.82997 | 0.00000 | 1.37306112455 | 1.37306112443 | -0.00000000012 | 0.13768987115 | 0.00049042825 |
| 282 | 72.73538 | 72.73537 | -0.00001 | 1.37484675052 | 1.37494675076 | 0.00010000024 | 0.13825429154 | 0.00056442039 |
| 306 | 70.79057 | 70.79057 | 0.00000 | 1.41261745915 | 1.41261745925 | 0.00000000010 | 0.15002456958 | 0.00049042825 |
| 307 | 70.71068 | 70.71070 | 0.00002 | 1.41421356237 | 1.41421356236 | -0.00000000001 | 0.15051499783 | 0.00049042825 |
| 308 | 70.63087 | 70.63080 | -0.00007 | 1.41581146902 | 1.41581146922 | 0.00000000020 | 0.15100542608 | 0.00049042825 |
| 332 | 68.74234 | 68.74240 | 0.00006 | 1.45470758776 | 1.45470758776 | 0.00000000000 | 0.16277570412 | 0.00049042825 |
| 333 | 68.65306 | 68.65300 | -0.00006 | 1.45659939258 | 1.45659939263 | 0.00000000005 | 0.16334012451 | 0.00056442039 |


| 357 | 66.81740 | 66.81740 | 0.00000 | 1.49661606441 | 1.49661606443 | 0.00000000002 | 0.17511040255 | 0.00049042825 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 358 | 66.74199 | 66.74190 | -0.00009 | 1.49830707688 | 1.49830707706 | 0.00000000018 | 0.17560083080 | 0.00049042825 |
| 359 | 66.66667 | 66.66660 | -0.00007 | 1.50000000000 | 1.50000000015 | 0.00000000015 | 0.17609125906 | 0.00049042825 |
| 383 | 64.88413 | 64.88410 | -0.00003 | 1.54120900232 | 1.54120900234 | 0.00000000002 | 0.18786153710 | 0.00049042825 |
| 384 | 64.79986 | 64.79980 | -0.00006 | 1.54321329970 | 1.54321330010 | 0.00000000040 | 0.18842595748 | 0.00056442039 |
| 408 | 63.06723 | 63.06720 | -0.00003 | 1.58560948667 | 1.58560948683 | 0.00000000016 | 0.20019623552 | 0.00049042825 |
| 409 | 62.99605 | 62.99600 | -0.00005 | 1.58740105197 | 1.58740105221 | 0.00000000024 | 0.20068666378 | 0.00049042825 |
| 410 | 62.92495 | 62.92490 | -0.00005 | 1.58919464154 | 1.58919464173 | 0.00000000019 | 0.20117709203 | 0.00049042825 |
| 434 | 61.24246 | 61.24240 | -0.00006 | 1.63285405865 | 1.63285405861 | $-0.00000000004$ | 0.21294737007 | 0.00049042825 |
| 435 | 61.16292 | 61.16290 | -0.00002 | 1.63497753776 | 1.63497753801 | 0.00000000025 | 0.21351179046 | 0.00056442039 |
| 459 | 59.52754 | 59.52750 | -0.00004 | 1.67989473319 | 1.67989473337 | 0.00000000018 | 0.22528206850 | 0.00049042825 |
| 460 | 59.46036 | 59.46030 | -0.00006 | 1.68179283051 | 1.68179283061 | 0.00000000010 | 0.22577249675 | 0.00049042825 |
| 461 | 59.39325 | 59.39320 | $-0.00005$ | 1.68369307246 | 1.68369307260 | 0.00000000014 | 0.22626292500 | 0.00049042825 |
| 485 | 57.80519 | 57.80520 | 0.00001 | 1.72994861362 | 1.72994861347 | $-0.00000000015$ | 0.23803320304 | 0.00049042825 |
| 486 | 57.73011 | 57.73010 | -0.00001 | 1.73219836136 | 1.73219836174 | 0.00000000038 | 0.23859762343 | 0.00056442039 |
| 510 | 56.18652 | 56.18650 | -0.00002 | 1.77978647223 | 1.77978647231 | 0.00000000008 | 0.25036790147 | 0.00049042825 |
| 511 | 56.12310 | 56.12310 | 0.00000 | 1.78179743628 | 1.78179743645 | 0.00000000017 | 0.25085832972 | 0.00049042825 |
| 512 | 56.05976 | 56.05980 | 0.00004 | 1.78381067250 | 1.78381067272 | 0.00000000022 | 0.25134875797 | 0.00049042825 |
| 536 | 54.56083 | 54.56080 | -0.00003 | 1.83281671127 | 1.83281671127 | 0.00000000000 | 0.26311903601 | 0.00049042825 |
| 537 | 54.48997 | 54.48990 | -0.00007 | 1.83520023598 | 1.83520023630 | 0.00000000032 | 0.26368345640 | 0.00056442039 |
| 561 | 53.03301 | 53.03300 | -0.00001 | 1.88561808316 | 1.88561808343 | 0.00000000027 | 0.27545373444 | 0.00049042825 |
| 562 | 52.97315 | 52.97310 | $-0.00005$ | 1.88774862536 | 1.88774862570 | 0.00000000034 | 0.27594416269 | 0.00049042825 |
| 563 | 52.91337 | 52.91340 | 0.00003 | 1.88988157484 | 1.88988157491 | 0.00000000007 | 0.27643459094 | 0.00049042825 |
| 587 | 51.49857 | 51.49850 | $-0.00007$ | 1.94180166431 | 1.94180166428 | $-0.00000000003$ | 0.28820486898 | 0.00049042825 |
| 588 | 51.43168 | 51.43170 | 0.00002 | 1.94432692078 | 1.94432692100 | 0.00000000022 | 0.28876928937 | 0.00056442039 |
| 612 | 50.05649 | 50.05650 | 0.00001 | 1.99774276917 | 1.99774276925 | 0.00000000008 | 0.30053956741 | 0.00049042825 |
| 613 | 50.00000 | 50.00000 | 0.00000 | 2.00000000000 | 2.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 | 0.30102999566 | 0.00049042825 |

Table 3: 2nd elaboration of the numbers

Following this division, we find that the residue between the $25^{\text {th }}$ upper rank of a main rank $n$ and the $25^{\text {th }}$ lower rank of another main rank $n+51$, is constant and its logarithm is equal to:
$l_{n+26}-l_{n+25}=0.00056442039$ (written in Red).
This constant residue suggests an un-equal but periodic division of the Octave.

In order to get a graphical representation of this scale, we have drawn the following diagram.


Figure 5: Sabra's division of the Octave

This diagram shows the equally spaced 12 notes (in green) which represent the chromatic scale, and the equal subdivisions (in orange) based on the unit ratio $u^{\prime}=$ $\frac{1}{12}$ of the pythagorean comma.

## Tables

In this section, we will choose and dress some main tables as described by Wadia Sabra. These tables will be suitable to present Sabra's work by numbers. The remaining tables described by him, can be deductible one from another.

## Table No 1

"Table giving each degree of the UNIVERSAL SCALE the frequency ratio, the length of the string, and the logarithm of the interval it forms with the fundamental. (The fundamental being given by a string of length equal to 100 cm , its ratio is taken as a unit)"

In accordance with the above, we dressed a table that contains all described information. Due to the higher accuracy of our modern computers, we have considered our calculation which already converged with Sabra's numbers. The columns show in order, 1) the rank N, 2) the calculated string length, 3) the calculated ratios and 4) the logarithms of our calculated ratios. We have also kept the highlighted ranks in green and yellow in order to show the periodicity of this scale. For the full table, refer to Appendix A

| $N$ | String Length | Ratios | Logarithms |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100.00000 | 1.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 | 434 | 61.24246 | 1.63285405865 | 0.21294737007 |
| 2 | 99.88714 | 1.00112989063 | 0.00049042825 | 435 | 61.16292 | 1.63497753776 | 0.21351179046 |
| 26 | 97.21635 | 1.02863359995 | 0.01226070629 | 459 | 59.52754 | 1.67989473319 | 0.22528206850 |
| 27 | 97.09008 | 1.02997130797 | 0.01282512668 | 460 | 59.46036 | 1.68179283051 | 0.22577249675 |
| 51 | 94.49408 | 1.05826736798 | 0.02459540472 | 484 | 57.87050 | 1.72799616694 | 0.23754277479 |
| 52 | 94.38743 | 1.05946309436 | 0.02508583297 | 485 | 57.80519 | 1.72994861362 | 0.23803320304 |
| 53 | 94.28090 | 1.06066017178 | 0.02557626122 | 486 | 57.73011 | 1.73219836136 | 0.23859762343 |
| 77 | 91.76001 | 1.08979933677 | 0.03734653926 | 510 | 56.18652 | 1.77978647223 | 0.25036790147 |
| 78 | 91.64084 | 1.09121658904 | 0.03791095965 | 511 | 56.12310 | 1.78179743628 | 0.25085832972 |
| 102 | 89.19053 | 1.12119522034 | 0.04968123769 | 535 | 54.62248 | 1.83074816607 | 0.26262860776 |
| 103 | 89.08987 | 1.12246204831 | 0.05017166594 | 536 | 54.56083 | 1.83281671127 | 0.26311903601 |
| 104 | 88.98932 | 1.12373030766 | 0.05066209420 | 537 | 54.48997 | 1.83520023598 | 0.26368345640 |
| 128 | 86.60992 | 1.15460217756 | 0.06243237224 | 561 | 53.03301 | 1.88561808316 | 0.27545373444 |
| 129 | 86.49743 | 1.15610370404 | 0.06299679262 | 562 | 52.97315 | 1.88774862536 | 0.27594416269 |
| 153 | 84.18465 | 1.18786495752 | 0.07476707066 | 586 | 51.55675 | 1.93961011702 | 0.28771444073 |
| 154 | 84.08964 | 1.18920711500 | 0.07525749892 | 587 | 51.49857 | 1.94180166431 | 0.28820486898 |
| 155 | 83.99474 | 1.19055078898 | 0.07574792717 | 588 | 51.43168 | 1.94432692078 | 0.28876928937 |
| 179 | 81.74888 | 1.22325839579 | 0.08751820521 | 612 | 50.05649 | 1.99774276917 | 0.30053956741 |
| 180 | 81.64270 | 1.22484920768 | 0.08808262560 | 613 | 50.00000 | 2.00000000000 | 0.30102999566 |
| 204 | 79.45973 | 1.25849908358 | 0.09985290364 |  |  |  |  |
| 205 | 79.37005 | 1.25992104989 | 0.10034333189 |  |  |  |  |
| 206 | 79.28047 | 1.26134462288 | 0.10083376014 |  |  |  |  |
| 230 | 77.16066 | 1.29599712521 | 0.11260403818 |  |  |  |  |
| 231 | 77.06045 | 1.29768253169 | 0.11316845857 |  |  |  |  |
| 255 | 75.00000 | 1.33333333333 | 0.12493873661 |  |  |  |  |
| 256 | 74.91535 | 1.33483985417 | 0.12542916486 |  |  |  |  |
| 257 | 74.83080 | 1.33634807721 | 0.12591959311 |  |  |  |  |
| 281 | 72.82997 | 1.37306112455 | 0.13768987115 |  |  |  |  |
| 282 | 72.73538 | 1.37484675052 | 0.13825429154 |  |  |  |  |
| 306 | 70.79057 | 1.41261745915 | 0.15002456958 |  |  |  |  |
| 307 | 70.71068 | 1.41421356237 | 0.15051499783 |  |  |  |  |
| 308 | 70.63087 | 1.41581146902 | 0.15100542608 |  |  |  |  |
| 332 | 68.74234 | 1.45470758776 | 0.16277570412 |  |  |  |  |
| 333 | 68.65306 | 1.45659939258 | 0.16334012451 |  |  |  |  |
| 357 | 66.81740 | 1.49661606441 | 0.17511040255 |  |  |  |  |
| 358 | 66.74199 | 1.49830707688 | 0.17560083080 |  |  |  |  |
| 359 | 66.66667 | 1.50000000000 | 0.17609125906 |  |  |  |  |
| 383 | 64.88413 | 1.54120900232 | 0.18786153710 |  |  |  |  |
| 384 | 64.79986 | 1.54321329970 | 0.18842595748 |  |  |  |  |
| 408 | 63.06723 | 1.58560948667 | 0.20019623552 |  |  |  |  |
| 409 | 62.99605 | 1.58740105197 | 0.20068666378 |  |  |  |  |
| 410 | 62.92495 | 1.58919464154 | 0.20117709203 |  |  |  |  |

Table No 2
"Table locating each degree of all recognized musical scales, in the UNIVERSAL SCALE"

We were not able to find in Sabra's manuscripts a table containing exactly the above description. However, we were able to find in the folder No. 11 entitled "Rapports" several ratios of known scales located in their respective order in Sabra's Scale. This folder surely served as a draft in its early development, where no clear descriptions were provided. This paper, will not include an inventory of the totality of scales considered by Sabra, instead, we will locate some of the most important ones in his Universal Scale. For this purpose, we will draw a table showing the rank of each note in Sabra's scale.

1- 12 Tones equal tempered scale

The 12 tones equal tempered scale is included by definition in Sabra's universal Scale.

| N <br> Sabra |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ratio | ET12 |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 1 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{5 2}$ | 1.059463094 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{1 0 3}$ | 1.122462048 | 3 |
| $\mathbf{1 5 4}$ | 1.189207115 | 4 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 5}$ | 1.25992105 | 5 |
| $\mathbf{2 5 6}$ | 1.334839854 | 6 |
| $\mathbf{3 0 7}$ | 1.414213562 | 7 |
| $\mathbf{3 5 8}$ | 1.498307077 | 8 |
| $\mathbf{4 0 9}$ | 1.587401052 | 9 |
| $\mathbf{4 6 0}$ | 1.681792831 | 10 |
| $\mathbf{5 1 1}$ | 1.781797436 | 11 |
| $\mathbf{5 6 2}$ | 1.887748625 | 12 |
| $\mathbf{6 1 3}$ | 2 | 13 |
|  |  |  |

Table 5: Location of the 12-TET in Sabra's Universal Scale

## 2- Just intonation

We have dressed the following comparison table showing the nearest rank of the just
intonation ratios and expressing the difference with Sabra's scale in cents.

| N | Ratios SABRA |  | Just Ratios | Sabra (Cents) | Just (Cents) | Difference in Cents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1.00000000000 | 1 | 1 | 0.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 |
| 58 | 1.06666587797 | 16/15 | 1.066666667 | 111.73000519206 | 111.73128526978 | 0.00128007772 |
| 105 | 1.12500000000 | 9/8 | 1.125 | 203.91000173069 | 203.91000173078 | 0.00000000009 |
| 162 | 1.19999911272 | 6/5 | 1.2 | 315.64000692274 | 315.64128700055 | 0.00128007781 |
| 198 | 1.25000092425 | 5/4 | 1.25 | 386.31499394260 | 386.31371386484 | -0.00128007777 |
| 255 | 1.33333333333 | 4/3 | 1.333333333 | 498.04499913466 | 498.04499913461 | -0.00000000004 |
| 302 | 1.40625103978 | 45/32 | 21.40625 | 590.22499567329 | 590.22371559561 | -0.00128007768 |
| 359 | 1.50000000000 | 3/2 | 1.5 | 701.95500086534 | 701.95500086539 | 0.00000000004 |
| 416 | 1.59999881696 | 8/5 | 1.6 | 813.68500605740 | 813.68628613517 | 0.00128007777 |
| 452 | 1.66666789900 | 5/3 | 1.666666667 | 884.35999307726 | 884.35871299945 | -0.00128007781 |
| 495 | 1.74989293482 | 7/4 | 1.75 | 968.71998615452 | 968.82590646913 | 0.10592031461 |
| 556 | 1.87500138638 | 15/8 | 1.875 | 1088.26999480794 | 1088.26871473022 | -0.00128007772 |
| 613 | 2.00000000000 | 2 | 2 | 1200.00000000000 | 1200.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 |

Table 6: Location of the Just Temperament in Sabra's Universal Scale

3- Pythagorean Scale

In the same logic of the previous table.

| N | Ratios SABRA | Pythagorean Ratios |  | Sabra (Cents) | Pythagorean (Cents) | Difference in Cents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1.00000000000 | 1 | 1 | 0.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 | . 00000000000 |
| 105 | 1.12500000000 | 9/8 | 1.125 | 203.91000173069 | 203.91000173078 | 0.00000000009 |
| 209 | 1.26562500000 | 81/64 | 1.265625 | 407.82000346137 | 407.82000346155 | 0.00000000018 |
| 255 | 1.33333333333 | 4/3 | 1.333333 | 498.04499913466 | 498.04499913461 | -0.00000000004 |
| 359 | 1.50000000000 | 3/2 | 1.5 | 701.95500086534 | 701.95500086539 | 0.00000000004 |
| 463 | 1.68750000000 | 27/16 | 1.6875 | 905.86500259603 | 905.86500259616 | 0.00000000013 |
| 567 | 1.89843750000 | 243/128 | 1.898438 | 1109.77500432671 | 1109.77500432694 | 0.00000000022 |
| 613 | 2.00000000000 | 2 | 2 | 1200.00000000000 | 1200.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 |

## 4- Other Scales



Figure 6: Octave division of various scales, as found in Sabra's Archive

For the remaining scales, Sabra did not reach to the point to develop clearly the emplacement of their relative ranks in his Universal Scale, however, he located some ratios ${ }^{67}$ in his system. As this exercise will not be performed in this paper's scope of work, a sample of Sabra's draft will be annexed. (Refer to Appendix B)

[^28]Table No 3
"Table of chords whose regular sequence generates the tonality of the degrees of the UNIVERSAL SCALE"

This table is in fact a series of 12 tables, each based on a Note $n=$ $\{C, C \#, D, D \#, E, F, F \#, G, G \#, A, A \#, B\}^{68}$. Theses tables show the rank of each interval of a just harmonic seventh chord, built upon a series of 25 intervals going up by pure fifths starting from the main note $n$. Below is the first table relative to the note C , as found and calculated by Sabra in his manuscript calculation note No 6, entitled "Accords".

Note C:

| Down |  |  |  |  | Up |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| harmoni <br> c <br> seventh | lower <br> fifth | lower <br> third | Fundament al |  | Fundament al | upper <br> third | upper fifth | harmoni <br> c <br> seventh |
| 117 | 255 | 417 | 613 | 1 | 1 | 197 | 359 | 497 |
| 12.31 | 25.00 | 37.57 | 50.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 19.91 | 33.33 | 42.98 |
| 371 | 509 | 59 | 355 | 2 | 359 | 555 | 105 | 243 |
| 34.23 | 43.75 | 6.35 | 25.00 | 2 | 33.33 | 46.61 | 11.11 | 23.94 |
| 13 | 151 | 313 | 509 | 3 | 105 | 301 | 463 | 601 |
| 1.35 | 15.62 | 29.77 | 43.75 | 3 | 11.11 | 28.81 | 40.74 | 49.32 |
| 267 | 405 | 567 | 151 | 4 | 463 | 47 | 209 | 347 |
| 26.01 | 36.72 | 47.32 | 15.62 | 4 | 40.74 | 5.08 | 20.98 | 32.42 |
| 521 | 47 | 208 | 405 | 5 | 209 | 405 | 567 | 93 |
| 44.51 | 5.08 | 20.98 | 36.72 | 5 | 20.98 | 36.72 | 47.32 | 9.9 |
| 163 | 301 | 463 | 47 | 6 | 567 | 151 | 313 | 451 |
| 16.76 | 28.81 | 40.74 | 5.08 | 6 | 47.32 | 15.62 | 29.77 | 39.93 |
| 417 | 555 | 105 | 301 | 7 | 313 | 509 | 59 | 197 |
| 37.57 | 46.61 | 11.11 | 28.81 |  | 29.77 | 43.75 | 6.35 | 17.91 |
| 59 | 197 | 359 | 555 | 8 | 59 | 255 | 417 | 555 |
| 6.35 | 19.91 | 33.33 | 46.61 | 8 | 6.35 | 25 | 37.57 | 46.61 |

[^29]| 313 | 451 | 1 | 197 | 9 | 417 | 613 | 163 | 301 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29.77 | 39.98 | 0 | 19.91 |  | 37.57 | 50 | 16.76 | 28.81 |
| 567 | 93 | 255 | 451 | 10 | 163 | 359 | 521 | 47 |
| 47.32 | 9.9 | 25 | 39.93 |  | 16.76 | 33.33 | 44.51 | 5.08 |
| 209 | 347 | 509 | 93 | 11 | 521 | 105 | 267 | 405 |
| 20.98 | 32.42 | 43.75 | 9.9 |  | 44.51 | 11.11 | 26.01 | 36.72 |
| 463 | 601 | 151 | 347 | 12 | 267 | 463 | 13 | 151 |
| 40.74 | 49.32 | 15.62 | 32.42 |  | 26.01 | 40.74 | 1.35 | 15.62 |
| 105 | 243 | 405 | 601 | 13 | 13 | 209 | 371 | 509 |
| 11.11 | 23.97 | 36.72 | 49.32 |  | 1.35 | 20.98 | 34.23 | 43.75 |
| 359 | 497 | 47 | 243 | 14 | 371 | 567 | 117 | 255 |
| 33.33 | 42.98 | 5.08 | 23.94 |  | 34.23 | 47.32 | 12.31 | 25 |
| 1 | 139 | 301 | 497 | 15 | 117 | 313 | 475 | 613 |
| 0 | 14.47 | 28.81 | 42.98 |  | 12.31 | 29.77 | 41.54 | 50 |
| 255 | 393 | 555 | 139 | 16 | 475 | 59 | 221 | 359 |
| 25 | 35.85 | 46.61 | 14.47 |  | 41.54 | 6.35 | 22.05 | 33.33 |
| 509 | 35 | 197 | 393 | 17 | 221 | 417 | 579 | 105 |
| 43.75 | 3.78 | 19.91 | 35.85 |  | 22.05 | 37.57 | 48.03 | 11.11 |
| 151 | 289 | 451 | 35 | 18 | 579 | 163 | 325 | 463 |
| 15.62 | 27.84 | 39.93 | 3.78 |  | 48.03 | 16.76 | 30.71 | 40.74 |
| 405 | 543 | 93 | 289 | 19 | 325 | 521 | 71 | 209 |
| 36.72 | 45.88 | 9.9 | 27.04 |  | 30.71 | 44.51 | 7.62 | 20.98 |
| 47 | 185 | 347 | 543 | 20 | 71 | 267 | 429 | 567 |
| 5.08 | 18.82 | 32.42 | 45.85 |  | 7.62 | 26.01 | 38.41 | 47.32 |
| 301 | 439 | 601 | 185 | 21 | 429 | 13 | 175 | 313 |
| 28.81 | 39.11 | 49.32 | 18.82 |  | 38.41 | 1.35 | 17.88 | 29.77 |
| 555 | 81 | 243 | 439 | 22 | 175 | 371 | 533 | 59 |
| 46.61 | 8.67 | 23.94 | 39.11 |  | 17.88 | 34.23 | 45.25 | 6.35 |
| 197 | 335 | 497 | 81 | 23 | 533 | 117 | 279 | 417 |
| 19.91 | 31.5 | 42.98 | 8.67 |  | 45.25 | 12.31 | 27.01 | 37.57 |
| 451 | 589 | 139 | 335 | 24 | 279 | 475 | 25 | 163 |
| 39.93 | 48.63 | 14.47 | 31.5 |  | 27.01 | 41.54 | 2.67 | 16.76 |
| 93 | 231 | 393 | 589 | 25 | 25 | 221 | 383 | 521 |
| 9.9 | 22.94 | 35.85 | 48.63 |  | 2.67 | 22.05 | 35.11 | 44.51 |

Table 8: Sabra's Table of Chords ${ }^{69}$

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## Table No 6

"Table of the Commatic Scale reproducing, for the first time, the ratio of each comma with the fundamental."

In the folder No1, from Sabra's manuscripts, entitled "Justesse absolue", we found a table named "Composition de la véritable Gamme Commatique" Translated "The composition of the true Commatic Scale". One would link it to the "Commatic Scale" that was presented in the Congress of Cairo, and contained 90 divisions of the octave ${ }^{70}$. However, the number of divisions of this table suggest a more generalized elaboration. Below, we will put a part of it as it was found in the manuscripts.

On the left of the table are the ratios and Logarithms of a series of 26 upward fifths going from the fundamental, while on the right, are the ratios and Logarithms of a series of 26 downward fifths going also from the fundamental. In the center two columns, entitled "Sabra", show the relative rank of each note in Sabra's Universal Scale. The full table, taken from the manuscripts is annexed. ${ }^{71}$

[^31]| Ref | Ratio | LOG | Sabra | Sabra | LOG | Ratio | Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 0.0000000000000000 | 1 | 613 | 0.3010299956639810 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 1.5 | 0.1760912590556810 | 359 | 255 | 0.1249387366083000 | 1.333333333 | 2 |
| 3 | 1.125 | 0.0511525224473813 | 105 | 509 | 0.2498774732166000 | 1.777777778 | 3 |
| 4 | 1.6875 | 0.2272437815030630 | 463 | 151 | 0.0737862141609186 | 1.185185185 | 4 |
| 5 | 1.265625 | 0.1023050448947630 | 209 | 405 | 0.1987249507692190 | 1.580246914 | 5 |
| 6 | 1.8984375 | 0.2783963039504440 | 567 | 47 | 0.0226336917135373 | 1.053497942 | 6 |
| 7 | 1.423828125 | 0.1534575673421440 | 313 | 301 | 0.1475724283218370 | 1.404663923 | 7 |
| 8 | 1.067871094 | 0.0285188307338439 | 59 | 555 | 0.2725111649301370 | 1.872885231 | 8 |
| 9 | 1.601806641 | 0.2046100897895250 | 417 | 197 | 0.0964199058744560 | 1.248590154 | 9 |
| 0 | 1.20135498 | 0.0796713531812252 | 163 | 451 | 0.2213586424827560 | 1.664786872 | 10 |
| 11 | 1.802032471 | 0.2557626122369060 | 52 | 93 | 0.0452673834270748 | 1.109857 | 11 |
| 12 | 1.351524353 | 0.1308238756286060 | 267 | 347 | 0.1702061200353750 | 1.479810553 | 12 |
| 13 | 1.013643265 | 0.0058851390203065 | 13 | 601 | 0.2951448566436750 | 1.973080737 | 13 |
| 14 | 1.520464897 | 0.1819763980759880 | 371 | 243 | 0.1190535975879930 | 1.315387158 | 14 |
| 15 | 1.140348673 | 0.057037661467687 | 117 | 497 | 0.2439923341962930 | 1.753849544 | 15 |
| 16 | 1.710523009 | 0.2331289205233690 | 475 | 139 | 0.0679010751406122 | 1.169233029 | 16 |
| 17 | 1.282892257 | 0.1081901839150690 | 221 | 393 | 0.1928398117489120 | 1.558977373 | 17 |
| 18 | 1.924338385 | 0.2842814429707500 | 579 | 35 | 0.0167485526932309 | 1.039318248 | 18 |
| 19 | 1.443253789 | 0.1593427063624500 | 325 | 289 | 0.1416872893015310 | 1.385757664 | 19 |
| 20 | 1.082440342 | 0.0344039697541504 | 71 | 543 | 0.2666260259098310 | 1.847676886 | 20 |
| 21 | 1.623660513 | 0.2104952288098320 | 429 | 185 | 0.0905347668541497 | 1.231784591 | 21 |
| 22 | 1.217745385 | 0.0855564922015317 | 175 | 439 | 0.2154735034624500 | 1.642379454 | 22 |
| 23 | 1.826618077 | 0.2616477512572130 | 533 | 81 | 0.0393822444067683 | 1.094919636 | 23 |
| 24 | 1.369963558 | 0.1367090146489130 | 279 | 335 | 0.1643209810150680 | 1.459892848 | 24 |
| 25 | 1.027472668 | 0.0117702780406131 | 25 | 589 | 0.2892597176233680 | 1.946523798 | 25 |
| 26 | 1.541209002 | 0.1878615370962940 | 383 | 231 | 0.1131684585676870 | 1.297682532 | 26 |

Table 9: Sabra's Commatic Scale

The importance of this table resides from the fact that Sabra built his scale upon it. He
proceeded by calculating the ratios of 26 fifths going Upward and Downward from each of the 12 Chromatic Notes, then he sorted and organized the results in one table, and found that the difference between the all the steps is approximately $1 / 12$ of the Pythagorean comma,
which he later considered as a unit for his scale.

## Discussion

As a result of this research, we were able to reveal the parameters that are enough to know by numbers, the essence of Sabra's Universal Scale, and how he tried to divide the Octave. Our findings on this point converge with Sabra's announced parameters. Also, we have dressed a main table, annexed ${ }^{72}$. This table shows all the necessary numbers that are enough to understand Sabra's Scale.

However, Sabra's approach toward "testing and packaging his product", was not successful. From what we have found, Wadia Sabra was not able to complete what he promised to publish. Also, we have observed many discrepancies in the announced numbers of tables, in their enumeration, and in the used methodology and descriptions. On this subject, we did not complete all the announced tables, however, with a certain interest, effort and some calculation exercises, they could all be deducted from our completed main table.

Moreover, as a general view on the evolution of Wadia Sabra's work, some notes shall be considered. We have already mentioned that Sabra started promoting his new theory during the late 1930's. In one of his publications on the subject, "Exposé d'un nouveau Système Perfectionné de Partage des 12 Demi-Tons de l'Octave", dated January 1940, he announced his work with confidence, while citing the advantages of his theory and characteristics. His adopted language suggested the existence of a completed work that was waiting an opportunity to be revealed. However, 8 years later, he was still discussing with H.P. Mullholland, the best possible consideration of a unit, while trying different divisors for the

[^32]octave, and reviewing some mathematical proprieties. In other words, he was reviewing the fundaments of his work. This unconventional succession of steps in creating and announcing a theory, raises many questions about how much Sabra was really confident of his work, and how much was he able to create a balance between his optimism, his confidence about a prospective result and the actual final results. We believe that the lack of equilibrium in this triad was due to a lack of systematic methodology in his work. It is clear that extensive time and efforts were put on the elaboration of the calculations, but we were not able to find any evidence of a methodic description, table format, titled ratios, abbreviations, etc... The elaboration of the tables was still in the draft phase.

## Chapter V: Conclusion

Wadia Sabra's optimistic announcements about his theory, has certainly created high expectations in the musicological and "para-musicological" communities then. In addition to the results found in the last chapter, which is that Sabra divided the octave into 612 periodic divisions and used the $1 / 12^{\text {th }}$ of the Pythagorean comma as a unit, we have found that he had never completed the calculation of his tables, thus never completed his announced work. Moreover, we are convinced that he has prematurely announced his work, while he struggled to shape it, and most importantly failed to complete it. His optimistic ambitions led him to explicitly announce some mathematical impossibilities, as stated in our key document by H.P. Mullholland. As it also let him promote the importance of his theory based on replies to his letters written with polite formalities. These replies as shown in chapter 3, ranged from a simple expression of interest to more optimistic assumptions with no concrete ground. We have previously mentioned the term "para-musicological" in order to refer to some writers, culture amateurs and musicians who echoed the most Sabra's optimism and weighted it with their personal unrealistic assumptions.

## After nearly a century

With no doubt, Wadia Sabra made an extensive research on different octave divisions in both Oriental and Western music, invested days and years into this subject, and went deep in analyzing and comparing the different divisions of the musical scales. Thus, these efforts are not to be judged nor evaluated. What we are evaluating will go beyond the lack of optimistic results or the possibility of finding them, and arrives to questioning the validity and importance of such work after nearly a century. In order to proceed, we will defer between the title and the content of the work.

As for the content, we have understood Sabra's work as being a comparative representation of different music interval, using a certain degree of approximation. This comparison should've been represented through different tables, as announced by Sabra, which aims to simplify the calculation in the same way of using the logarithmic tables in math and physics then. But, do we still need these tables? Will we still have interest in a unit promoted to be almost always an integer at a cost of a certain acceptable approximation? Absolutely not, a simple computer function can elaborate instantly an exact calculation of any note (existing in a known or unknown scale), and express it in any format with supreme accuracy.

Concerning the quantification of the pitch, it is well known that it has always been performed based on the physical properties of the sound as the series of harmonics, and based on conventional ratios and proportions. Thus, the choice of an octave divider will be affected by how much the real note converge to the nearest quantified point. Sabra's choice of dividing the octave to 612 parts can surely reach a good approximation, but dividing to 1200 , as in the cent system, could give it a better approximation. It could even give more exact numbers if unlike Sabra, we consider a decimal expression. Moreover, since the physical properties of sound are continuous, and since the neurological properties of the human ear are not yet discovered to be clearly pitch quantified ${ }^{73}$ and differ from one person to another, the aforementioned decimal expression of notes in any system is unavoidable for more accuracy.

Sabra's title contained the word Universal as an adjective to his scale. Since we have excessively talked about the scale, we'll add some thoughts about its adjective. Does a

[^33]particular division of the octave give the Universality property to a scale? Does the exercise of converting and converging the ratios of the different scales to the nearest point of a certain octave division, makes this division Universal? Didn't we miss that music, scales and divisions are all related to concrete sounds, abstract ideas, collective memories and emotions, which are all by the way considered universal? We believe that universality in music, cannot be exclusive to a particular aspect or work despite how general it is. Universality is adjacent to sounds, ideas and emotions, which are common between all humans. If the real basis of any scale is universal, each existing scale though, will be, by definition, universal.

## Prospective ideas

Once the weight of the predefined properties, expectations and ambitions that were put on this scale is unloaded, we will still have a scale based on an undiscovered 612 periodic octave division worth of experimenting. The author himself who was a composer, never used it, nor have we found any evidence in his archive about a possible draft composition on this scale. However, as we have discovered its numbers, and amid the wide expansion of experimental micro-tonal music and the development of its related instruments, trying the sounds and possibilities of this scale, and evaluating its musical qualities, is now easier than ever.

## Final Thoughts

Wadia Sabra's work is still considered a part of the first milestone in the Lebanese musicological development despite considering its aspect and development as obsolete nowadays. Although Sabra has failed to conclude the culmination of his work and researches, there are still some particular aspects of his work related to his researches on Oriental music that could be studied later.

## Appendix A

Table No1 (As described by Wadia Sabra)

| N | String Length | Ratios | Logarithms |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100.00000 | 1.00000000000 | 0.00000000000 |
| 2 | 99.88714 | 1.00112989063 | 0.00049042825 |
| 3 | 99.77440 | 1.00226105791 | 0.00098085650 |
| 4 | 99.66180 | 1.00339350328 | 0.00147128476 |
| 5 | 99.54932 | 1.00452722820 | 0.00196171301 |
| 6 | 99.43696 | 1.00566223410 | 0.00245214126 |
| 7 | 99.32474 | 1.00679852243 | 0.00294256951 |
| 8 | 99.21264 | 1.00793609465 | 0.00343299776 |
| 9 | 99.10067 | 1.00907495219 | 0.00392342601 |
| 10 | 98.98882 | 1.01021509652 | 0.00441385427 |
| 11 | 98.87710 | 1.01135652909 | 0.00490428252 |
| 12 | 98.76551 | 1.01249925136 | 0.00539471077 |
| 13 | 98.65404 | 1.01364326477 | 0.00588513902 |
| 14 | 98.54269 | 1.01478857079 | 0.00637556727 |
| 15 | 98.43148 | 1.01593517089 | 0.00686599552 |
| 16 | 98.32039 | 1.01708306652 | 0.00735642378 |
| 17 | 98.20942 | 1.01823225914 | 0.00784685203 |
| 18 | 98.09858 | 1.01938275023 | 0.00833728028 |
| 19 | 97.98786 | 1.02053454124 | 0.00882770853 |
| 20 | 97.87727 | 1.02168763366 | 0.00931813678 |
| 21 | 97.76681 | 1.02284202894 | 0.00980856503 |
| 22 | 97.65647 | 1.02399772856 | 0.01029899329 |
| 23 | 97.54625 | 1.02515473400 | 0.01078942154 |
| 24 | 97.43616 | 1.02631304672 | 0.01127984979 |
| 25 | 97.32619 | 1.02747266821 | 0.01177027804 |
| 26 | 97.21635 | 1.02863359995 | 0.01226070629 |
| 27 | 97.09008 | 1.02997130797 | 0.01282512668 |
| 28 | 96.98051 | 1.03113506289 | 0.01331555493 |
| 29 | 96.87105 | 1.03230013274 | 0.01380598318 |
| 30 | 96.76172 | 1.03346651898 | 0.01429641144 |
| 31 | 96.65252 | 1.03463422311 | 0.01478683969 |
| 32 | 96.54343 | 1.03580324663 | 0.01527726794 |
| 33 | 96.43447 | 1.03697359101 | 0.01576769619 |
| 34 | 96.32563 | 1.03814525775 | 0.01625812444 |
| 35 | 96.21692 | 1.03931824834 | 0.01674855269 |
| 36 | 96.10833 | 1.04049256429 | 0.01723898095 |
| 37 | 95.99986 | 1.04166820709 | 0.01772940920 |
| 38 | 95.89151 | 1.04284517823 | 0.01821983745 |

$\begin{array}{llll}38 & 95.89151 & 1.04284517823 & 0.01821983745\end{array}$

| 39 | 95.78329 | 1.04402347923 | 0.01871026570 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 40 | 95.67518 | 1.04520311157 | 0.01920069395 |
| 41 | 95.56720 | 1.04638407677 | 0.01969112220 |
| 42 | 95.45934 | 1.04756637633 | 0.02018155046 |
| 43 | 95.35161 | 1.04875001176 | 0.02067197871 |
| 44 | 95.24399 | 1.04993498457 | 0.02116240696 |
| 45 | 95.13650 | 1.05112129627 | 0.02165283521 |
| 46 | 95.02913 | 1.05230894837 | 0.02214326346 |
| 47 | 94.92187 | 1.05349794239 | 0.02263369171 |
| 48 | 94.81474 | 1.05468827984 | 0.02312411997 |
| 49 | 94.70774 | 1.05587996224 | 0.02361454822 |
| 50 | 94.60085 | 1.05707299111 | 0.02410497647 |
| 51 | 94.49408 | 1.05826736798 | 0.02459540472 |
| 52 | 94.38743 | 1.05946309436 | 0.02508583297 |
| 53 | 94.28090 | 1.06066017178 | 0.02557626122 |
| 54 | 94.17450 | 1.06185860177 | 0.02606668948 |
| 55 | 94.06821 | 1.06305838585 | 0.02655711773 |
| 56 | 93.96204 | 1.06425952556 | 0.02704754598 |
| 57 | 93.85600 | 1.06546202242 | 0.02753797423 |
| 58 | 93.75007 | 1.06666587797 | 0.02802840248 |
| 59 | 93.64426 | 1.06787109375 | 0.02851883073 |
| 60 | 93.53857 | 1.06907767129 | 0.02900925899 |
| 61 | 93.43300 | 1.07028561213 | 0.02949968724 |
| 62 | 93.32755 | 1.07149491781 | 0.02999011549 |
| 63 | 93.22222 | 1.07270558988 | 0.03048054374 |
| 64 | 93.11701 | 1.07391762987 | 0.03097097199 |
| 65 | 93.01192 | 1.07513103933 | 0.03146140024 |
| 66 | 92.90694 | 1.07634581982 | 0.03195182850 |
| 67 | 92.80209 | 1.07756197287 | 0.03244225675 |
| 68 | 92.69735 | 1.07877950005 | 0.03293268500 |
| 69 | 92.59273 | 1.07999840289 | 0.03342311325 |
| 70 | 92.48823 | 1.08121868297 | 0.03391354150 |
| 71 | 92.38384 | 1.08244034182 | 0.03440396975 |
| 72 | 92.27958 | 1.08366338102 | 0.03489439801 |
| 73 | 92.17543 | 1.08488780212 | 0.03538482626 |
| 74 | 92.07140 | 1.08611360668 | 0.03587525451 |
| 75 | 91.96749 | 1.08734079626 | 0.03636568276 |
| 76 | 91.86369 | 1.08856937244 | 0.03685611101 |
| 77 | 91.76001 | 1.08979933677 | 0.03734653926 |
| 78 | 91.64084 | 1.09121658904 | 0.03791095965 |


| 91.53741 | 1.09244954443 | 0.03840138790 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 103 | 89.08987 | 1.12246204831 | 0.05017166594 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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$\begin{array}{llll}89.49320 & 1.11740330854 & 0.04820995294\end{array}$ $89.39220 \quad 1.118665852070 .04870038119$ $89.29131 \quad 1.119929822130 .04919080944$ $\begin{array}{llll}89.19053 & 1.12119522034 & 0.04968123769\end{array}$ $88.98932 \quad 1.12373030766 \quad 0.05066209420$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.88889 & 1.12500000000 & 0.05115252245\end{array}$ $88.78857 \quad 1.12627112696 \quad 0.05164295070$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.68836 & 1.12754369015 & 0.05213337895\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.58826 & 1.12881769119 & 0.05262380720\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.48828 & 1.13009313172 & 0.05311423545\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.38841 & 1.13137001336 & 0.05360466371\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.28866 & 1.13264833774 & 0.05409509196\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.18901 & 1.13392810648 & 0.05458552021\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}88.08948 & 1.13520932122 & 0.05507594846\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}87.99006 & 1.13649198359 & 0.05556637671\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}87.89075 & 1.13777609523 & 0.05605680496\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}87.79156 & 1.13906165778 & 0.05654723322\end{array}$ $87.69248 \quad 1.140348672870 .05703766147$ $\begin{array}{llll}87.59351 & 1.14163714214 & 0.05752808972\end{array}$ $87.49465 \quad 1.142927067250 .05801851797$ $87.39590 \quad 1.144218449830 .05850894622$ $87.29726 \quad 1.145511291530 .05899937447$ $87.198741 .14680559401 \quad 0.05948980273$ $87.100321 .14810135890 \quad 0.05998023098$ $87.00202 \quad 1.14939858786 \quad 0.06047065923$

| 125 | 86.90383 | 1.15069728256 | 0.06096108748 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 126 | 86.80575 | 1.15199744463 | 0.06145151573 |
| 127 | 86.70778 | 1.15329907575 | 0.06194194398 |
| 128 | 86.60992 | 1.15460217756 | 0.06243237224 |
| 129 | 86.49743 | 1.15610370404 | 0.06299679262 |
| 130 | 86.39981 | 1.15740997478 | 0.06348722088 |
| 131 | 86.30230 | 1.15871772146 | 0.06397764913 |
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## Appendix B



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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Centre du Patrimoine Musical Libanais, founded in 2013, located at Jamhour, Lebanon, brings together the musical work of Lebanese composers and performers. Whether Western or Eastern, classical or contemporary, folk or liturgical, this music is now available to the public. The archive of Wadia Sabra, came to public and was stored at the CPML on February 2016.
    2 "Au monde scientifique et artistique, Nouvelle unité de mesure des intervalles musicaux, Gamme Universelle" Translated: "To Scientific and Artistic world, A new unit of music interval measurement, Universal Scale" (n.d.)

[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ Pitch is the position of a single sound relatively to a complete range of sound. Sounds are higher or lower in pitch depending on the frequency of the relative sound waves
    ${ }^{4}$ Unless another source provides new clarifications about the subject

[^2]:    ${ }^{5}$ Later Lebanese Evangelical School for Boys and Girls - Loueizeh
    ${ }^{6}$ Kayali’s book, "Figures musicales du liban - Wadia Sabra" (2018), will be mentioned many times in this section as it is the only book containing an important information about Wadia Sabra's biography, which was gathered from the recently found archive.
    ${ }^{7}$ Paul Vidal (1863-1931), Piano and Accompaniment. Max d’Ollone (1875-1959), Harmony. Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937), Pipe Organ. Louis-Albert Bourgault Ducoudray (1840-1910), History of Music. Florentin Numa Augez (1847-1903), Singing. Alfred Giraudet (1845-1911), Singing. Albert Lavignac (1846-1916), Harmony and Composition. Charles Lenepveu (1840-1910), Composition. Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911), Pipe Organ
    ${ }^{8}$ Later Lebanese National Conservatory

[^3]:    ${ }^{9}$ Albert Lavignac (1846-1916), was a French musicologist and composer.
    ${ }^{10}$ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, was born on 1945, it has 195 Members and more than 50 field offices around the world to date.

[^4]:    ${ }^{11}$ Abderrazzak wrote the musicological postface of Kayali’s book "Figures musicales du Liban - Wadia Sabra" (2018).
    ${ }^{12}$ Pleyel, is a French piano factory that began in 1807 with Ignace Pleyel
    ${ }^{13}$ Considered as an oriental piano, suitable to play authentically the Arabic Scales as noted by Sabra.
    ${ }^{14}$ Further to our request, Pleyel representatives replied that they weren't able to find any information about Sabra's Commatic piano in their archive, and they confirmed that they had no knowledge about this specific project. However, they noted that only a small amount of Pleyel's archive remained from the beginning of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century.

[^5]:    ${ }^{15}$ The 90 divisions of the octave are mentioned in the next paragraph, in the context of Sabra's participation in the Congress of Cairo-1932.

[^6]:    ${ }^{16}$ Abū Naṣr al-Fārāb̄̄, (878-950), was a member of the eastern group of Moslem Philosophers. He is also considered an important musical theorist. Among his works is Kitab Mausiqi al-Kabir (The Grand Book of Music)
    ${ }^{17}$ In the sources, the terms Oriental and Arabic music were both meant Arabic music.
    ${ }^{18}$ The Lebanese Delegation to the Congress of Cairo was formed by: Wadia Sabra, Eduard Kadhagi and Bechara Ferzan

[^7]:    ${ }^{19}$ Sabra used the term in French, "La gamme juste arabe"
    ${ }^{20}$ Sabra mentioned the different types of the Cigah at the congress of Cairo-1932

[^8]:    21 "Exposé d'un Nouveau Système perfectionné de partage des 12 demi-tons de l'octave"
    ${ }^{22}$ The Pythagorean Comma, is the difference between twelve just perfect fifths and seven octaves.
    ${ }^{23}$ Idem.

[^9]:    ${ }^{24}$ The note which Sabra referred to as a Major third is a Diminished Fourth

[^10]:    ${ }^{25}$ When sabra talk about the different musical systems, he means the Greek, Oriental, Modern Western, Indian, and Chinese, however he focused his studies on the first three.
    26 "Etude comparative des grands systemes musicaux en usage chez le Hindous, les Chinois, les Arabes, les peules de l'Occidents ainsi que ceux de l'Anciènne Grèce." (1934) Translated: "A comparative study of the major Music systems used by the Hindus, Chinese, Arabs, and the peoples of the west, as well as the ancient Greece."(1934)
    ${ }^{27}$ Sabra wrote this statement in his leaflet "Au monde scientifique et artistique, Nouvelle unité de mesure des intervalles musicaux, Gamme Universelle" (n.d) Translated: "To Scientific and Artistic world, A new unit of music interval measurement, Universal Scale" (n.d.). Based on an article in Grove's dictionary of Music and Musicians, written by H.G. Farmer about Wadia Sabra, we estimate that this leaflet was published in the late 1930's

[^11]:    ${ }^{28}$ It is mathematically impossible, refer to discussion at p. 38
    ${ }^{29}$ Sabra did not explain how can "the sequence of N intervals equal to the unit" form a scale. However, he mentioned that the degrees of the universal scale can be generated, from a sequence of chords containing the fundamental, a pure major third, a perfect fifth and a harmonic seventh. Refer to p. 53
    ${ }^{30}$ If property 1 and 2 are mathematically impossible, then this property should be invalid as well

[^12]:    ${ }^{31}$ Frequency ratio
    ${ }^{32}$ Defining the ratios, the string length and the logarithm of each degree of the Universal Scale will give us a clear view on how Sabra divided the Octave. Refer to p. 42 \& p. 49
    ${ }^{33}$ Sabra did not mention the acoustical value of this table
    ${ }^{34}$ "Exposé d'un nouveau système perfectionné de partage des 12 demi-tons de l'octave" (Sabra, 1940)
    Translated: "Presentation of a new and improved system for dividing the 12 semitones of the octave"(Sabra, 1940)

    35 "La Gamme Universelle" (Sabra, n.d.) Translated : "The Universal Scale" (Sabra, n.d.)

[^13]:    ${ }^{36}$ In his writing sabra referred to this system as "Le système de justesse absolue" Translated: "The absolute just system"
    ${ }^{37}$ "Au monde scientifique et artistique, Nouvelle unité de mesure des intervalles musicaux, Gamme Universelle" Translated: "To Scientific and Artistic world, A new unit of music interval measurement, Universal Scale" (n.d.)

[^14]:    ${ }^{38}$ Prudent Pruvost (18..-1960)
    ${ }^{39}$ Lucien Rouzet (1886-1948)

[^15]:    ${ }^{40}$ Sabra did not define this issue.
    ${ }^{41}$ Sabra uses the term "Gamme Physique"
    ${ }^{42}$ Sabra referred to the 12 Tone Equal Temperament as the Tempered Scale

[^16]:    ${ }^{43}$ Dmitri Mendeleev (1834-1927), developed the periodic classification of chemical elements

[^17]:    ${ }^{44}$ Dated June $2^{\text {nd }} 1940$, Ref SI-4-072
    ${ }^{45}$ Squaring the Circle, is an ancient geometrical challenge that consist on constructing a square with an area equal to that of a given circle using only a finite number of steps with compass and straightedge. This challenge was proven insoluble by Ferdinand von Lindemann (1852-1939), who proved that the number $\pi$ is transcendental
    ${ }^{46}$ Ref SII-4-049/051/087/088/115

[^18]:    ${ }^{47}$ Ref. SII-4-106
    ${ }^{48}$ Founded in 1927 by Lionel de la Laurencie (1861-1933). E. Borrel was elected Secretary-General in 1935
    ${ }^{49}$ Sabra's new unit of interval measurement

[^19]:    ${ }^{50}$ Ref. SII-4-211
    ${ }^{51}$ Max Planck (1858-1947), was a German physicist who originated the quantum theory which won him the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1918 (Stuewer, 1998). Planck suggested that the radiation energy is not continuous, however it is emitted in discrete packets called Quanta (Squires, 1999)
    ${ }^{52}$ Ref. SII-4-117/184/191/196/197/251

[^20]:    ${ }^{53}$ Ref. SII-5-1-040

[^21]:    ${ }^{54}$ Not dated. Ref. SII-4-265
    ${ }^{55}$ Sir James Jeans, used the method of continued fraction to elaborate an increasingly good approximation to the ratio of the intervals of fifths and octave. He suggested the following:

    - 12 fifths $=7+0.019$ Octaves
    - 41 fifths $=24-0.016$ Octaves
    - 53 fifths $=31+0.003$ Octaves
    - 306 fifths $=179-0.0014$ Octaves
    ${ }^{56}$ Dated Dec 2, 1939. Ref. SII-4-266

[^22]:    ${ }^{57}$ Ref. SII-5-1-001 to SII-5-1-118
    ${ }^{58}$ Dated June 7, 1948

[^23]:    ${ }^{59}$ Refer to p. 55

[^24]:    ${ }^{61}$ Ref. SII-04-249/250
    ${ }^{62}$ We have found many publications related to the Mathematical Field written by H.P. Mulholland in the $1^{\text {st }}$ half of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century, however we did not find any biographical information about him. Based on the content and context of the letter, we believe that H.P. Mulholland was related to the American University of Beirut and Sabra may have met him in Lebanon.
    ${ }^{63}$ It refers to the $6^{\text {th }}$ tone in a 12 Tones Equal Temperament

[^25]:    ${ }^{64}$ The syntonic comma, is a small comma type interval with a ratio $=81 / 80$. It is the correction amount of the Pythagorean major third (81:64) to a just major third (5:4)

[^26]:    ${ }^{65}$ Sabra used the term Number of vibrations to refer to frequency ratio

[^27]:    ${ }^{66}$ The numbers which converged with Sabra's Calculation are highlighted in green
    However, the numbers having maximum divergence with Sabra's Calculation are highlighted in yellow

[^28]:    ${ }^{67}$ The ratios which are mentioned in this specific manuscript, belonged to different divisions of the Arabic Scales

[^29]:    ${ }^{68}$ Sabra considered the notes of 12 Equal tempered scale, thus $\mathrm{C} \#=\mathrm{Db}$, etc...

[^30]:    ${ }^{69}$ Highlighted in green are the ranks of the notes in Sabra's scale The decimal numbers are the retained string length

[^31]:    ${ }^{70}$ Refer to page 11
    ${ }^{71}$ Refer to Appendix C

[^32]:    ${ }^{72}$ Refer to Appendix A

[^33]:    ${ }^{73}$ Recent neurosciences studies suggest a just noticeable difference which differs between cultures and persons (Liu, 2013)

