

flexura, Duo for Cello and MANO, 2014-15

flexura is a flection or inflection. A flection is the state of being bent or flexed; a deviation from straightness. An inflection, can be a change in the form of a word that reflects a change in grammatical function. an **inflection** for gender, number, or tense; a change in pitch or tone of voice; a change in curvature from concave to convex or from convex to concave; a turning away from a straight course; diffraction.

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flexura is written for Cello and MANO, an open source controller that tracks hand gestures with a video camera. The piece was written using a set of generative processes and the computer assisted notation software [notes] for Pure Data and LilyPond. The main materials of the work are sounds that bend or "flex", but the work also bends musical memories and beliefs, as well as stylistic traits appropriated from contemporary and popular music and inserted in a foreign context. Ultimately, *flexura* bends the idea of what is an instrument and what is a duo, and what is the role of the computer in live music performance.

Flexura: flection/inflection.

flection

1. The state of being bent or flexed.
2. Deviation from straightness.

inflection

1. (grammar) A change in the form of a word that reflects a change in grammatical function. *an **inflection** for gender, number, or tense.*
2. A change in pitch or tone of voice.
3. (mathematics) A change in curvature from concave to convex or from convex to concave.
4. A turning away from a straight course.
5. (optometry) diffraction

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What is Flexura?

Flexura is considered a muscle relaxant. It works by blocking pain sensations in the brain. Flexura should be used in combination with rest, physical therapy and other treatments to relieve pain caused by muscle injuries, spasms, sprains and strains.

How is Flexura used? Flexura is usually taken orally 3 to 4 times per day or as directed. To decrease the chance of side effects, ingest to an empty stomach or after a light meal. Correct dosage and length of treatment will depend on response to therapy.

Adverse effects People using Flexura may encounter unwanted side effects such as: Drowsiness, Dizziness, Nausea, Vomiting, Upset stomach, Headaches
Contact a doctor immediately should side effects persist or encounter more severe side effects such as: Difficulty breathing, Jaundice, Unusual bruising or bleeding, Unusual fatigue or weakness, Seizures, Signs of infection, Irregular heartbeat.

Warnings Always consult prior to using Flexura if you are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to conceive, using any other medication (prescription or non-prescription), using any herbal products or supplements, or if you have any allergies or other health problems.