



# CHAPTER ONE

## *Basic Theory*

- ▶ *Intervals*
- ▶ *Inverting Intervals*
- ▶ *Triads*

### *Intervals*

As atoms are the building blocks of matter, intervals are the building blocks of melody and harmony. A good definition of an *interval* is "the space between two notes." **Figure 1-1** shows all the intervals from the smallest, the half step/minor 2nd, up to the octave, all based on middle C. The most commonly used term is shown above each interval; alternate terms are shown just below.

**Figure 1-1**

