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Seedling # 99.014, and limited distribution under number. Parentage: open pollinated seedling of Gansu Mudan. First bloomed 1999. First propagated 2003. Early season bloom. SEMI-DOUBLE. Flowers 20 cm (8") in size, generally 1 per stem. Strong pleasing fragrance. Petals pink (RHS CC 62 A) with red-purple flares (RHS CC 71 A) extending about 20% the length of the petals, with edges bleeding. Carpels on average 5 to 6, hairy, stigmas white. Well developed complete sheath, white. Pollen bearing stamens, filaments red at the base, then white. Produces seeds. Foliage green with reddish overtones. Stems reddish. Upright growth. Named after a musical term which indicates a return to the original theme. The name was suggested by the return of this seedling to the Rieck garden after it had been given to a friend, Hans Esleben, because of space limitations. It now grows in both gardens.