

Music - Dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs

Musical style: Orchestral

Orchestral music is music that is played by an orchestra. It is usually classical or film music, but orchestras do play other types of music too.



Vocabulary

compose To create or write an original (new) piece of music.



composer A person who creates and writes an original piece of music.

composition An original piece of music that has been created.

dynamics The volume of the music (loud or quiet).

motif A short melody that is repeated over and over again.

soundscape A piece of music that describes a landscape.

timbre The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly.

tempo The speed of the music (fast and slow).

Instruments

orchestra A group of instruments that play together.



percussion woodwind keyboards brass strings conductor

strings Instruments that are played by plucking or bowing strings.

woodwind Instruments that make sound by blowing air through a reed or small mouthpiece.

brass Instruments that are made of metal and the sound is made by blowing air through a cup-shaped mouthpiece.

percussion Instruments that are played by striking, beating or shaking the instrument.