

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.