

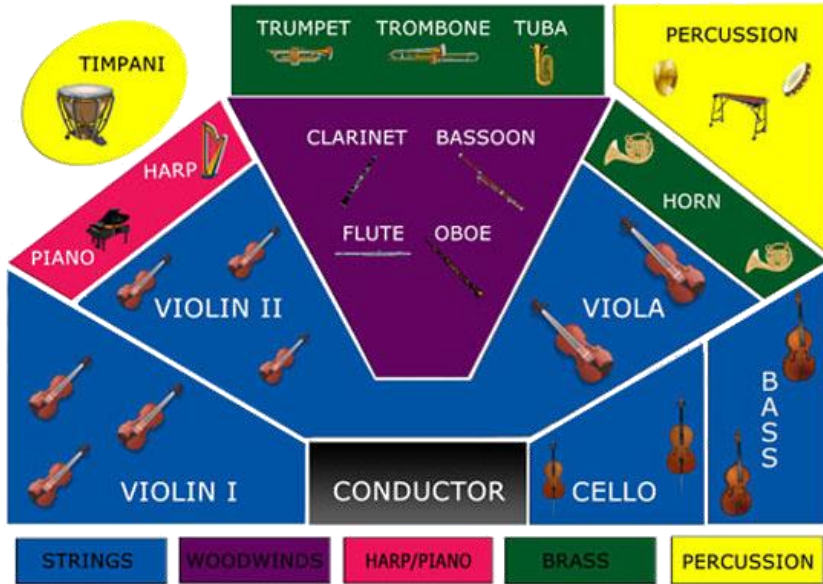
INSTRUMENTATION

(The instruments you can hear and what they are doing – sometimes called ‘orchestration’)

Instrumental Ensembles

- Solo - 1 performer
- Duet - 2 performers
- Trio - 3 performers
- Quartet - 4 performers

Instruments Of The Orchestra



Rock & Pop Instruments



*Lead instrument = Often an electric guitar ('lead guitar'). Plays melody or harmonises with the singer & often has a solo.

Types Of Voices

Soprano	(Female)	HIGH
Treble	(Boy)	
Alto	(Female)	
Countertenor	(Male Alto)	
Tenor	(Male)	
Bass	(Male)	LOW

*SATB Choir: Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass

Jazz Instruments

Rhythm Section

Backup / Accompaniment for the melody. Sometimes still improvise and get solos.

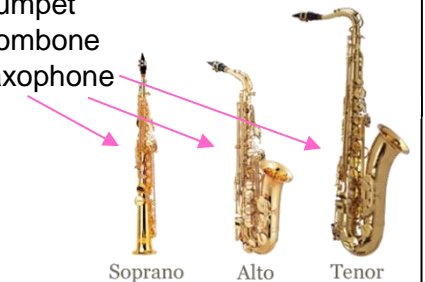
- *The Groove: Double Bass
- *The Beat: Drum Kit
- *The Chords: Piano (Sometimes Guitar)



Front Line Instruments

Instruments that play melodies / improvise. Stand in front of the rhythm section.

- *Trumpet
- *Trombone
- *Saxophone



Musical Periods

Baroque Period (1600-1750)

- *Small orchestra - Mostly Strings + Basso Continuo
- *Basso Continuo - The part given to instruments playing the bass line & chords accompanying the melody. (Harpichord, bass viol, organ, lute...)

Classical Period (1750-1810)

- *Basso Continuo gradually stopped being used
- *Pianoforte introduced & Clarinet invented
- *String Quartet very popular (Violin x2, Viola, Cello)

Romantic Period (1810-1910)

- *Piano music very popular (Instrument further improved)
- *Large Orchestra
- *Tone / construction of instruments improved

Instrumental Techniques - The way you play / use an instrument.

String Instruments

- *Pizzicato (Pizz.) - Plucking the strings
- *Arco / Bowed - Using a bow on the strings
- *Double Stopping - Playing two strings at the same time

String & Brass Instruments

- *Con Sordino (Con Sord.) - Playing with a mute (changes the sound produced)
- *Tremolo - Quickly repeating the same note ('trembling')

Voices

- *Falsetto - A technique used by men to sing at a much higher pitch

Voices, Brass, Woodwind and String Instruments

- *Vibrato – Make the note waver up and down to add expression

Some Examples

Other Vocal Terms

Acapella

Singing without any accompanying instruments.

Chorus

Music written for a choir.

Backing Vocals

Sing harmonies / support the lead singer.