

## Instrumental Ensembles

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

# INSTRUMENTATION

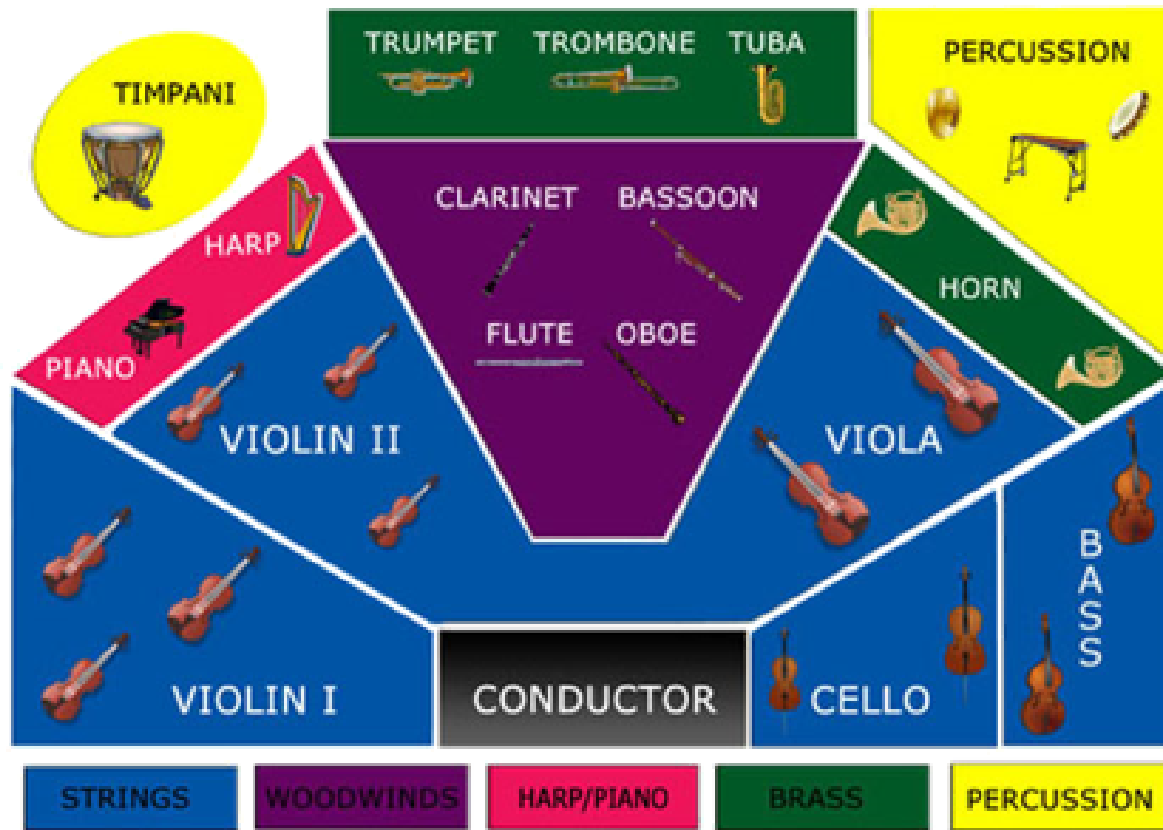
(The instruments you can hear and what they are doing – sometimes called 'orchestration')

## Types Of Voices

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

\*SATB Choir: Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass

## 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.

## Jazz Instruments

### Rhythm Section

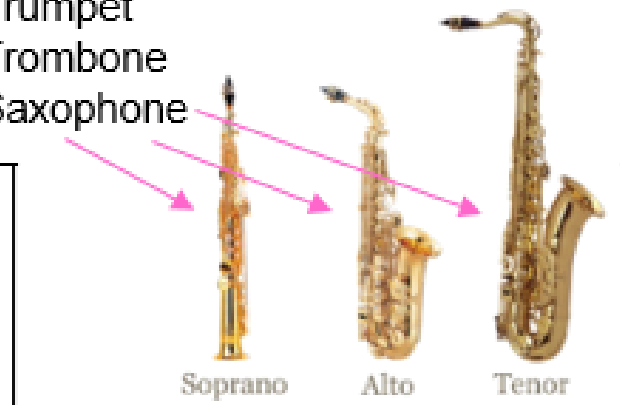
Backup / Accompaniment for the melody. Sometimes still improvise and get solos.

- \*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. (Harpsichord, 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.