

# Instruments of the Orchestra Passport

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What you need to do:

- Use the internet to explore the orchestra using the suggested websites at the bottom of the page (or any others you find helpful!)
- You will find out about the different sections and instruments in the orchestra.
- For each instrument you could draw or print a picture, write some facts or describe what they sound like.
- There are some other questions for you answer along the way

Good websites to look at:

<https://brittenpears.org/explore/benjamin-britten/music/the-young-persons-guide/>

(Perhaps also have a look at the Young Person's Guide to The Orchestra app on your app store!)

[https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/instruments\\_orchestra.php](https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/instruments_orchestra.php)

<https://www.nyphilkids.org>

# Sections of the Orchestra Visited

Put the date for when you have visited each family or section of the orchestra and filled in all the keyword definitions and the description of each musical instrument.

Family/Section of  
the Orchestra

Date Visited:

Strings

Woodwind

Brass

Percussion

## The Role of the Conductor

Who is a conductor?

What do they do?

What is their white stick called?

Name some famous orchestral conductors

## The Layout of the Orchestra

Is there a set layout for an orchestra? Who sits where? Can you find a diagram for this?

# STRING family



**Violin**

**Viola**

**Cello**

**Double Bass**

**Harp**

## Strings Section Key Words - Find the definition....

🎵 Bow

🎵 Arco

🎵 Pizzicato

🎵 Pitch

**A piece of music for Strings I have watched/listened to is:** *(suggestions of pieces of music for Strings are given below - use YouTube or Spotify)*

**Name of Piece:**

**Composer/Artist:**

**I liked/disliked this piece of music because:**

### **Suggested Watching/Listening for Music for Strings**

- **Elgar:** Introduction and Allegro for string quartet and string orchestra Op. 47
- **Michael Tippett:** Fantasia Concertante on a Theme by Corelli - A Far Cry
- **Paul Hindemith:** Trauermusik for Viola and String Orchestra
- **Dvořák:** Serenade for Strings
- **Elgar:** - Sospiri for String Orchestra and harp, Op. 70
- **Vivaldi:** - Concerto for Two Violins & Two Cellos
- **Beethoven:** String Quartet Op.133 "Grosse Fugue"
- **The Verve:** Bittersweet Symphony *(listen out for the Strings playing the Riff)*

# WOODWIND family



**Piccolo**

**Flute**



**Oboe**

**Bassoon & (Double Bassoon)**

**Saxophone**

## Woodwind Section Key Words – Find the definition....

🎵 Flutes

🎵 Reeds

🎵 Mouthpiece

🎵 Keys

**A piece of music for Woodwind I have watched/listened to is:** *(suggestions of pieces of music for Woodwind are given below – use YouTube or Spotify)*

**Name of Piece:**

**Composer/Artist:**

**I liked/disliked this piece of music because:**

### **Suggested Watching/Listening for Music for Woodwind**

- **Carl Nielsen:** Wind Quintet, Op.43 *(also includes a French Horn from the Brass section)*
- **Gustav Holst:** First Suite in Eb for Wind Band *(also includes Brass and Percussion)*
- **Mozart:** Clarinet Concerto in A Major K.622 *(also includes full orchestra)*
- **Mozart:** Concerto for Bassoon in B flat major, KV. 191 *(also includes full orchestra)*
- **Dvořák:** II. Largo “From the New World” Symphony No.9 *(features the Cor Anglais)*
- **The Stereophonics:** Handbags and Gladraggs *(listen out for the Oboe)*
- **John Grant:** Down Here *(features the Bass Clarinet)*
- **Men at Work:** Down Under *(listen out for the Flute)*

# BRASS family



**Trumpet**

**Trombone**

**Tuba**

**French Horn**

## Brass Section Key Words - Find the definition....

♪ Fanfare

♪ Brass Band

♪ Embouchure

**A piece of music for Brass I have watched/listened to is:** *(suggestions of pieces of music for Brass are given below - use YouTube or Spotify)*

**Name of Piece:**

**Composer/Artist:**

**I liked/disliked this piece of music because:**

### **Suggested Watching/Listening for Music for Brass**

- **Ingolf Dahl:** Music for Brass Instruments
- **Penderecki:** Capriccio for Tuba Solo
- **Rimsky-Korsakov:** Trombone Concerto
- **Richard Strauss:** Concerto for French Horn & Orchestra No.1 Op.11
- **Dizzy Gillespie:** A Night in Tunisia *(a famous jazz Trumpeter)*
- **Calvin Harris & Rag 'n' Bone Man:** Giant *(listen out for the Trombone)*
- **Chicago:** If you leave me now *(listen out for the French Horn)*
- **Omi:** Cheerleader *(listen out for the Trumpet)*



## Untuned Percussion Instruments

**Bass Drum**

**Snare Drum**

**Cymbals**

**Woodblock**

**Guiro**

**Triangle**

**Gong**

**Tambourine**

**Cabasa**

**Maracas**

## Percussion Section Key Words - Find the definition....

♪ Tuned Percussion

♪ Untuned Percussion

A piece of music for Percussion I have watched/listened to is: (

Name of Piece:

Composer/Artist:

I liked/disliked this piece of music because:

### Suggested Watching/Listening for Music for Percussion

- **Chávez:** Toccata for Percussion Ensemble
- **Steve Reich:** Music for Pieces of Wood (*features the Claves*)
- **Eric Ewazen:** Symphony for Percussion
- **Olga Hans:** Entelecheia (*features Percussion and Orchestra*)