



Endless Mountain Music Festival

CHILDREN'S MUSIC GUIDE

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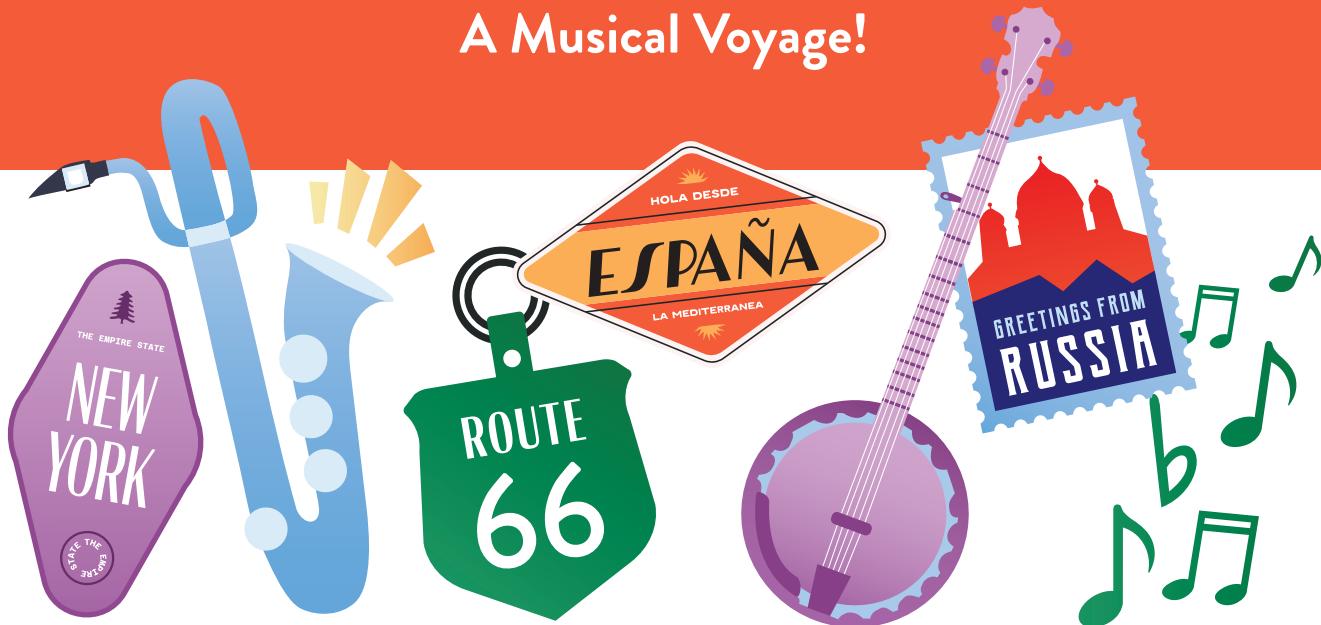
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A Musical Voyage!



Music has always been a part of human life. It tells stories, celebrates traditions, and brings people together. And just like people, music comes from all over the world. From the dramatic melodies of Russian composer Tchaikovsky to the heartfelt songs of American songwriter Jimmy Webb, this summer's festival takes us on a musical journey that spans continents and centuries.

As you explore this guide and attend concerts, you'll hear music inspired by Spanish dance rhythms, the soulful sounds of bluegrass from the Appalachian Mountains, the steel drum celebrations of the Caribbean, and jazzy tunes from bustling cities like New York. Each concert is like a stop on our trip, introducing you to different styles, instruments, and composers who have helped shape the world of music.

Whether it's a full orchestra performing a sweeping symphony, a lively brass band under the stars, or a small group playing chamber music, you'll discover that music can sound very different depending on where it comes from, and that's what makes it so exciting!

So buckle up! This guide will help you follow along, learn new things, and maybe even inspire you to create your own music one day. We're so glad you're here with us for this amazing journey. Let's listen, learn, and explore the world one note at a time!

All About the Orchestra

The symphony orchestra is the biggest of all musical groups. Sometimes with up to 100 musicians playing together! It's made up of four musical families: strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Every instrument you'll see in the orchestra belongs to one of these families.

You can think of the orchestra like a big musical family. The families are all connected — like cousins, aunts, and uncles — each with their own unique sound. But when they play together, they create something truly magical. Below is a picture showing how the orchestra is usually set up on stage. Can you find where each family sits during the concert?

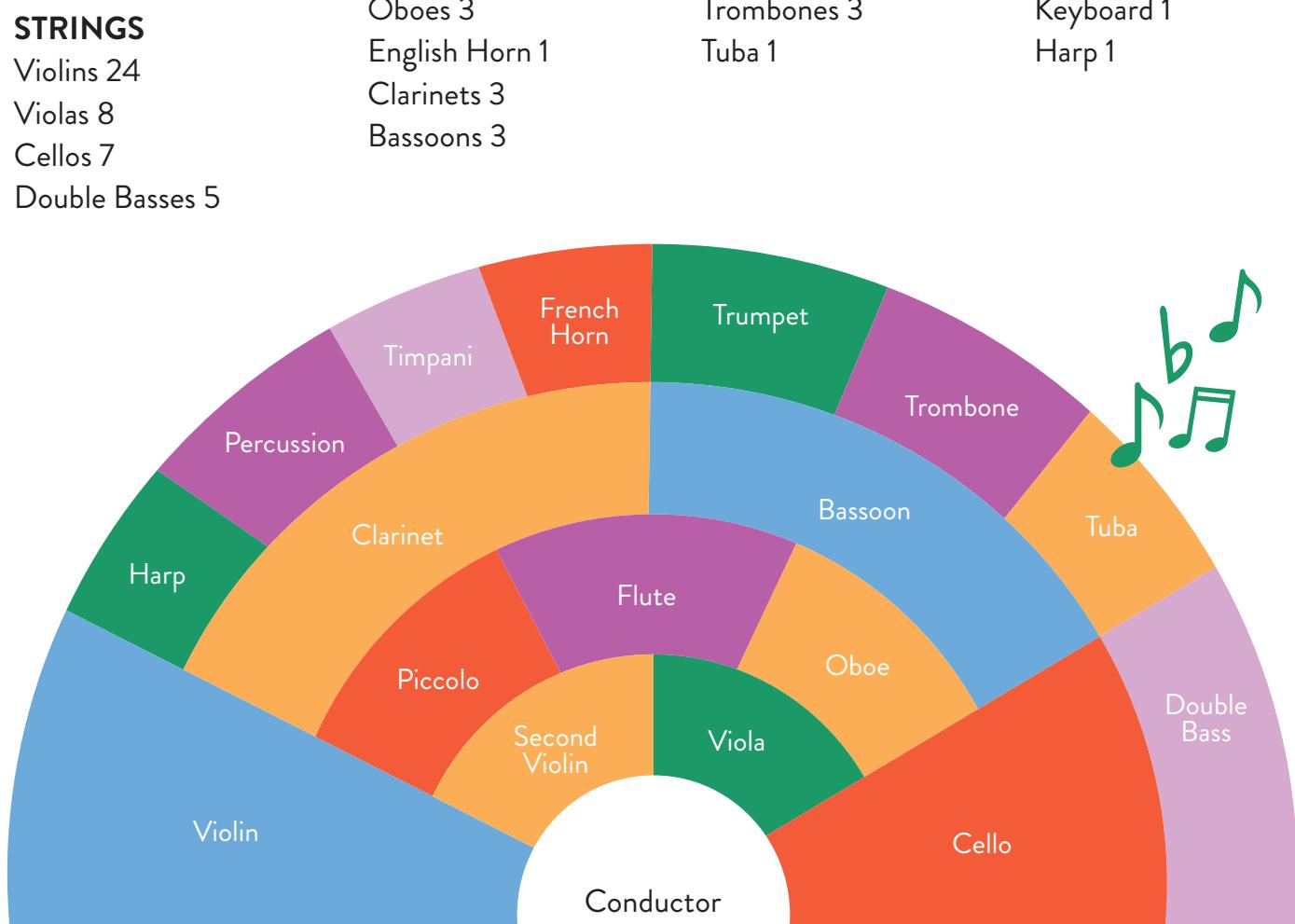
Conductor 1
Total Musicians 76

STRINGS
Violins 24
Violas 8
Cellos 7
Double Basses 5

WOODWINDS
Flutes 3
Piccolo 1
Oboes 3
English Horn 1
Clarinets 3
Bassoons 3

BRASS
French Horns 5
Trumpets 3
Trombones 3
Tuba 1

PERCUSSION
Timpani 1
Percussion 3
Keyboard 1
Harp 1



A Musical Journey Around the World

Music is like a passport — it can take you anywhere! From the bold rhythms of Spain to the soaring melodies of Russia, and from the folk songs of America to the lively beats of the Caribbean, each concert is a new stop on our musical map. Let's explore some of the amazing composers and styles you'll hear along the way!



Óscar Navarro ★ Spain

Known for his colorful, cinematic style, Navarro's music is full of energy, rhythm, and vivid storytelling. You'll hear his thrilling piece "Libertadores," which honors the Latin American heroes of independence, and his imaginative orchestral suite "Noah's Ark," a playful, dramatic retelling of the biblical tale through music.



Antonín Dvořák ★ Czech Republic

Dvořák brought the spirit of Czech folk music into the world of classical symphonies and stories. His piece "The Golden Spinning Wheel" is based on a spooky Czech fairytale involving magic, mystery, and justice. With rich harmonies and dramatic shifts in mood, it's like hearing a fairytale come to life!



Johannes Brahms ★ Germany

Brahms was one of the great composers of the Romantic era. His Symphony No. 4 is complex and deeply expressive. It's a piece that rewards careful listening, full of soaring melodies and intricate musical ideas. Brahms once said that writing music should be more about heart than showmanship, and you can feel that in every note!



A Musical Journey Around the World (Cont.)



Neil Sedaka ★ United States

A pop icon of the 1950s and '60s, Neil Sedaka also explored orchestral music later in his career. His "Manhattan Intermezzo" is a jazz-infused work for piano and orchestra that blends classical technique with the fast-paced, modern feel of New York City. It's a great example of how classical music continues to grow and change!



Astor Piazzolla ★ Argentina

Piazzolla brought the passionate sound of tango — Argentina's most famous dance — to the concert stage. His music is full of rhythm and emotion. At the festival, listen for his pieces "Fuga y Misterio" and "Milonga del Ángel", which sound like music you might hear in a dramatic movie or a romantic dance scene.



Pyotr Tchaikovsky ★ Russia

Tchaikovsky's music is known for its emotion, beauty, and powerful storytelling. In Symphony No. 5, he explores themes of fate, perseverance, and triumph, moving from dark, stormy beginnings to a victorious ending. His music has long been a favorite with audiences around the world, and it's easy to hear why!



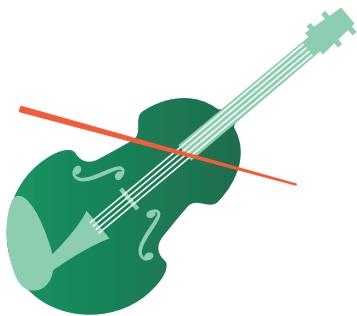
Wolfgang Mozart ★ Austria

Mozart's music is timeless — elegant, joyful, and full of personality. His Piano Concerto No. 21 and Clarinet Concerto are two perfect examples of his genius. They're graceful and playful, with melodies that seem to sing. Even centuries later, Mozart's music still feels fresh and alive!



Discover the Many Sounds of Music

At the Endless Mountain Music Festival, music comes in all styles, shapes, and sounds. Some are big and bold, others are quiet and cozy — and every type tells its own story. Here are some of the exciting ways you might hear music during the festival:



Classical Music

Written hundreds of years ago (and still today!) Classical music uses many instruments working together in harmony. You might hear it in a symphony with a full orchestra, or in a smaller group like a string quartet or brass quintet. Classical music can be exciting, dramatic, peaceful, or playful, sometimes all in one piece!

Calypso & Steel Drum

This tropical music style comes from the Caribbean islands. When you hear steel drums, it sounds like sunshine and dancing! It's bright, fun, and makes you want to move.



Chamber Music

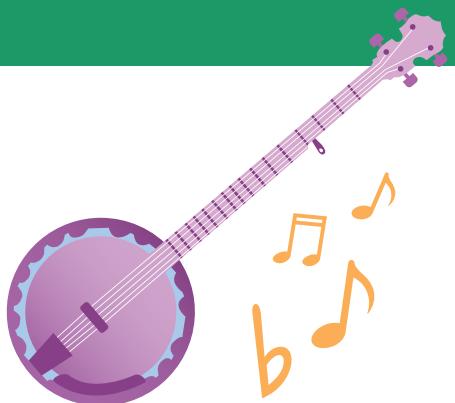
Think of chamber music like a musical conversation between a few instruments. It's often played in small spaces (like a room or "chamber") and lets you hear every little detail. You might hear a flute, piano, clarinet, or violin sharing the spotlight.

Choral & Vocal Music

Sometimes music is made with voices instead of (or along with) instruments! Choral music is sung by a group of people, and vocals might be featured in songs from musicals, pop music, or even jazz.



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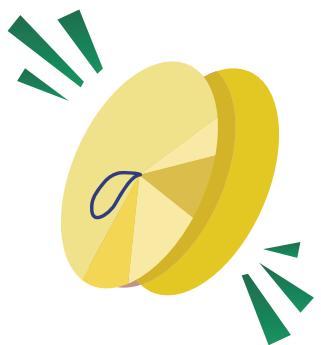


Bluegrass & Folk

Get ready for foot-tapping fun! Bluegrass is a lively, American style of music that uses instruments like banjos, fiddles, guitars, and upright bass. It's full of fast playing, storytelling, and toe-tapping rhythms.

Jazz

Jazz is all about rhythm, creativity, and expression. It started in the United States and blends African American musical traditions with blues, ragtime, and more. One of the coolest things about jazz is improvisation—that means musicians make up parts of the music as they go! You'll often hear instruments like saxophone, piano, trumpet, and drums working together in exciting and unexpected ways.



Percussion

Not all music is about melody — sometimes it's about rhythm! A percussion concert might feature drums, xylophones, marimbas, cymbals, and more. These instruments are all about keeping the beat and adding energy to the music.

Pops

“Pops” music brings together the sounds of the orchestra with songs that are popular, fun, and familiar. At a pops concert, you might hear movie soundtracks, Broadway tunes, video game themes, or big band music. It's a great way to enjoy the orchestra if you're new to it—and you'll probably recognize more songs than you expect!



Anything Goes! Word Search

Look for the words in the word bank below, and circle them when you find them! They might be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.



String Quartet
Percussion
Symphony
Vocals

Word Bank

Concertmaster
Bluegrass
Chamber
Choral

Brass Quintet
Conductor
Calypso
Pops



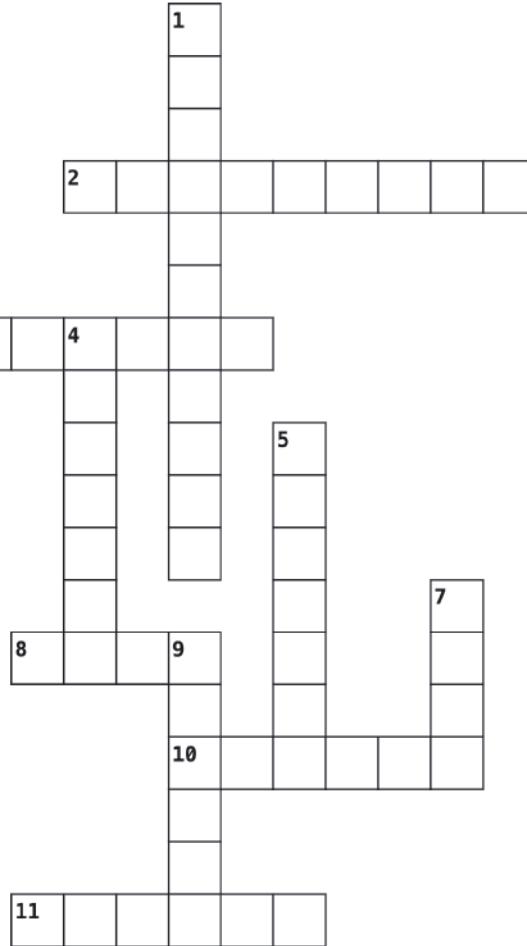
Crossword Puzzle

All the answers can be found somewhere in this guide! Read carefully, think creatively, and see how many you might know.



Across

2. Argentinian composer
3. Person who leads the orchestra
6. German who composed Symphony No. 4.
8. Concert style mixing classical instruments with familiar tunes
10. Czech composer bringing fairytales to life
11. Austrian composer famous for joyful, elegant music like his Clarinet Concerto.



Down

1. Russian composer
3. Small group of instruments playing together like a conversation
4. A Caribbean music style
5. Wrote “Noah’s Ark”
7. A musical style known for storytelling
9. American pop icon who blended classical and jazz in “Manhattan Intermezzo”

Fill in the Blanks

Every summer, our community goes on a musical _____ through time, place, and sound. This year's music _____ is filled with exciting concerts and performances that showcase music from around the world. One of the biggest parts of the festival is the _____, a huge group of musicians playing together in harmony. The orchestra is made up of different musical families and includes many _____ like violins, trumpets, and drums.

Music can sound very different depending on what it's made of. Some music is all about _____, the beat you tap your feet to, and some focuses more on _____, the part you might hum or sing along with. You'll hear famous composers too!

_____ wrote music that is powerful, emotional, and full of heart. Another legendary composer, _____, was born in _____ and is known for music that is joyful, graceful, and full of energy.

As you attend concerts, listen for all kinds of music. You might hear _____ concerts that mix classical sounds with movie or pop music, or performances of _____, where a group sings in harmony. There's even _____: fast, foot-tapping music from the Appalachian Mountains that's full of storytelling and fun!

There's so much more to discover... And the best part? Students get in free to every concert! We hope to see you at more performances as you explore the amazing world of music.

Word Bank

Brahms	Pops	Orchestra	Melody
Mozart	Bluegrass	Festival	Journey
Austria	Choral Music	Instruments	Rhythm

Tell Us What You Think!

Which concert did you go to?

What was your favorite part of the concert?

What was your favorite instrument you saw/heard?

Did you learn anything at the concert? What did you learn?

Tell us what you thought by mailing this sheet to:

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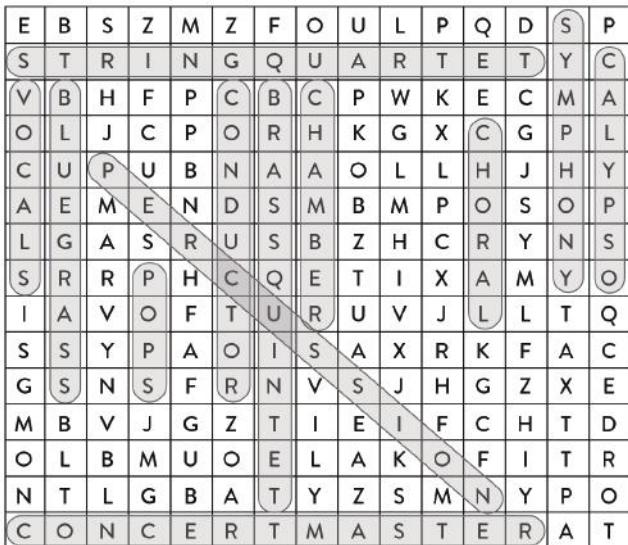
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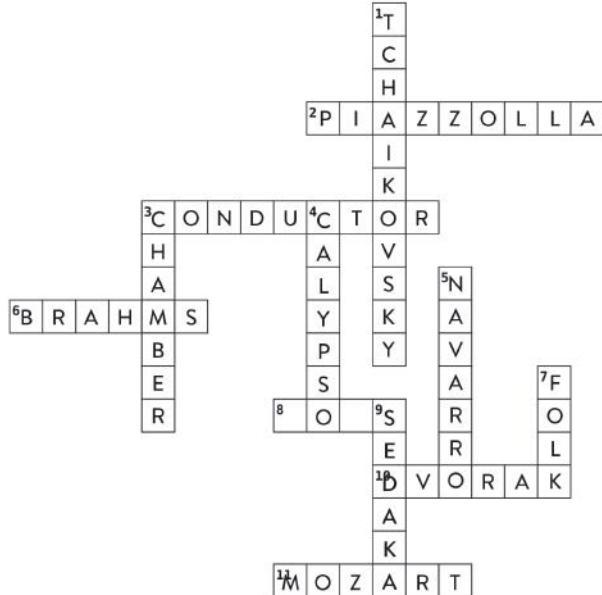


Answer Key

Word Search



Crossword Puzzle



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