

MUSIC VAN MINI-NEWS

Meet the Orchestra



The Santa Barbara Symphony

An orchestra is a group of musicians who play instruments together. There are four groups of instruments (or families): strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Each family creates sound in a different and unique way. The bigger the instrument, the lower the sound.

The Role of the Conductor (Maestro)



- Conducting an orchestra is like musical “follow the leader”.
- The conductor uses hand movements or a stick called a “baton” to let the musicians know whether to play loud or soft (dynamics), fast or slow (tempo).
- All families of the orchestra follow the conductor in order to play together.

Nir Kabaretti, conductor of the Santa Barbara Symphony

Families of Instruments

Strings

Violins and other string instruments make sound by vibrating a string. They are played by rubbing a bow across a string or plucking a string. They are all the same shape except for the harp. Can you name the instruments below?

Word Bank: violin, cello, double bass, harp



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

Families of Instruments

Woodwinds

Woodwind instruments are played using “wind” or a vibrating column of air. All woodwinds use a reed except for the flute. In the beginning, woodwind instruments were all made of wood. Some are now made from metal or plastic. Can you name the instruments each student or group of students is playing?

Word Bank: bassoon, oboe, clarinet, flute



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

Families of Instruments

Brass

Brass instruments make sound when players vibrate (buzz) their lips into a mouthpiece. The mouthpiece is connected to a long metal tube which is curled up into different shapes and sizes and ends with a cone called the “bell”. Can you name the instruments below?

Word Bank: trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba



9. _____



10. _____



11. _____



12. _____

13. Bonus Question: The tubing for the French horn is about _____ feet.

Families of Instruments

Percussion

Percussion instruments are played by striking, scraping, or shaking. This family has the greatest number of different instruments. Can you name the instruments below?

Word Bank: snare drum, tambourine, triangle, orchestra bells, timpani



14. _____



15. _____



16. _____



17. _____

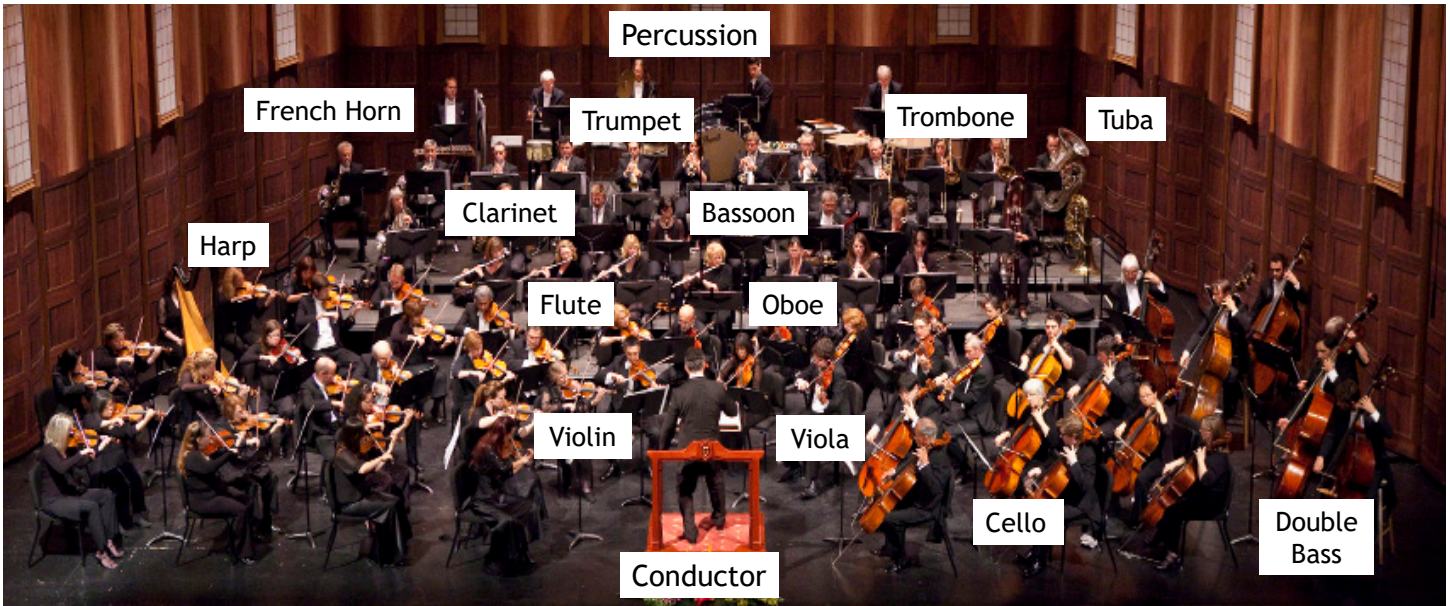


18. _____

19. Bonus Question: What other percussion instruments can you name?

Orchestra Activity

Where the orchestra members sit... most of the time



Can you find this same photo somewhere else in the Music Van Mini-News?

20. What is the name of the orchestra in this photo? _____

Fill in the Blank

Find the answers in the Mini-News!

21. There are _____ groups (families) of instruments in the orchestra.
22. The conductor uses a stick, called a _____, to lead the orchestra.
23. Plucking a string or rubbing a bow across a string makes it _____.
24. All woodwinds use a _____, except for the flute, which is played by blowing across a hole.
25. Brass players _____ their lips into a mouthpiece to play the instrument.
26. When the orchestra plays, the _____ family, which is the largest family, is closest to the conductor.

Answers:
1. double bass 2. harp 3. violin 4. cello 5. clarinet 6. flute 7. oboe 8. bassoon
9. French horn 10. trumpet 11. trombone 12. tuba 13. sixteen (16) feet 14. timpani 15. snare drum
16. orchestra bells 17. tambourine 18. triangle 19. Answers might include ratchet, cymbals, tam-tam (gong), maracas,
vibraslap, cowbell, woodblock 20. The Santa Barbara Symphony 21. four (4) 22. baton 23. vibrate 24. reed
25. vibrate or buzz 26. strings

How Music Benefits Your Student

- promotes social skills through team work
- increases capacity of memory
- develops creativity
- enhances mathematical ability
- boosts listening skills
- enhances coordination
- boosts self-esteem and performance skills
- teaches discipline
- exposes students to cultural history

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About the Music Van

The Music Van is the Santa Barbara Symphony's mobile music classroom. For many kids, the Music Van provides their first opportunity to see, hear, and play a musical instrument. Docents and a professional musician introduce the orchestra, and students try out all the instruments. It inspires students to try an instrument and discover self-expression through music.

To learn more about enrolling your child in a music program, please contact:

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Cómo la Música Beneficia a tu Estudiante

- promueve las habilidades sociales a través del trabajo en equipo
 - mejora la capacidad de memoria
 - desarrolla la creatividad
 - mejora la capacidad matemática
 - aumenta las habilidades de escuchar
 - mejora la coordinación
 - aumenta la autoestima y las habilidades de rendimiento
 - enseña disciplina
 - expone a los estudiantes a la historia cultural
- ... y es divertido!

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A través de asociaciones con distritos escolares y otras organizaciones comunitarias, el Centro de Educación Musical de Santa Barbara Symphony capacita a los estudiantes en los grados 3-12 para estar a su mejor nivel a través de la música.

Información Sobre la Music Van

The Music Van es el aula de música móvil de Santa Barbara Symphony. Para muchos niños, Music Van ofrece su primera oportunidad para ver, escuchar y tocar un instrumento musical. Docentes y un músico profesional presentan la orquesta y los estudiantes prueban todos los instrumentos. Inspira a los estudiantes a probar un instrumento y descubrir la autoexpresión a través de la música.

Para obtener más información sobre cómo inscribir a su hijo en un programa de música, comuníquese con:

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