


Key Vocabulary


Musical Style: Classical

- Depict** - To represent something using music.
- Composition** - A piece of music that has been created.
- Conductor** - A person who directs the performance of an orchestra or choir, using hand signals.
- Ensemble** - A group of people who perform instrumental or vocal music.

- Graphic score** - A way of writing down music on the page without using traditional stave notation, using symbols and images to represent the music.
 
- Improvise** - Making up music as it is played or performed.
- Notate** - To write symbols to represent music.

Classical music is music that has been composed by musicians who are trained in the art of composing. The term 'classical music' can also refer to music composed in the classical period 1750 to 1825.

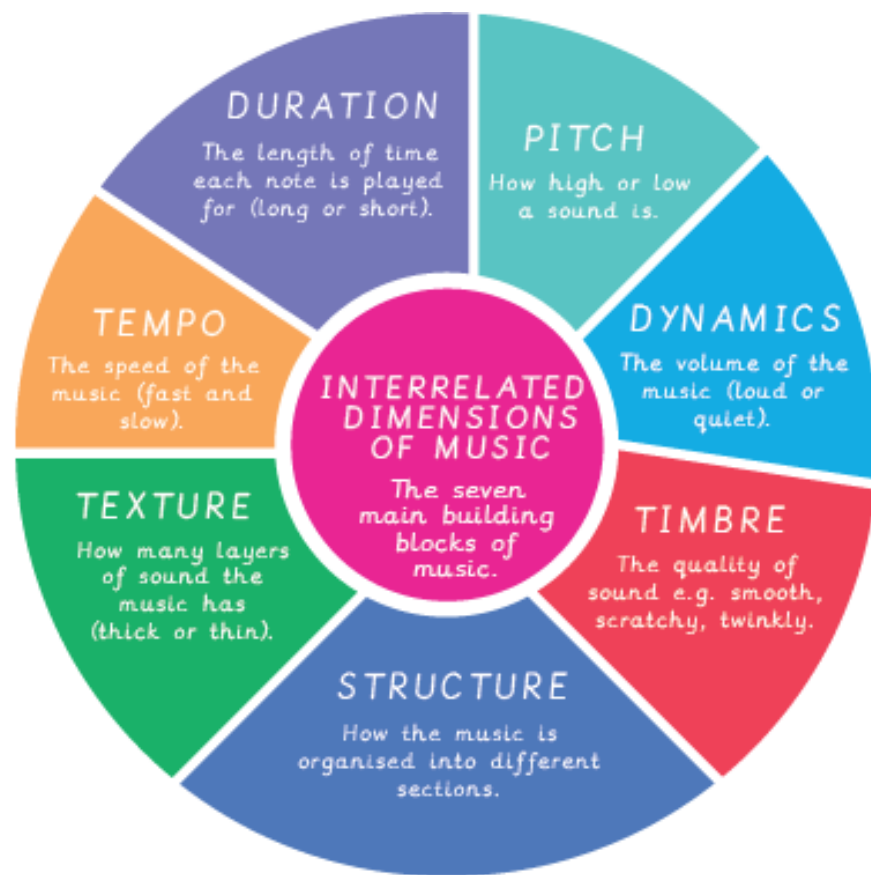
The focus piece for this topic is Fingal's Cave by Mendelssohn (1830) which is a classical piece depicting the sea and waves swirling around Fingal's Cave which is in the Inner Hebrides.



Musical Elements

Focus Music, Musicians, Composers

Typical Western Orchestra



Felix Medelsohn (Composer)



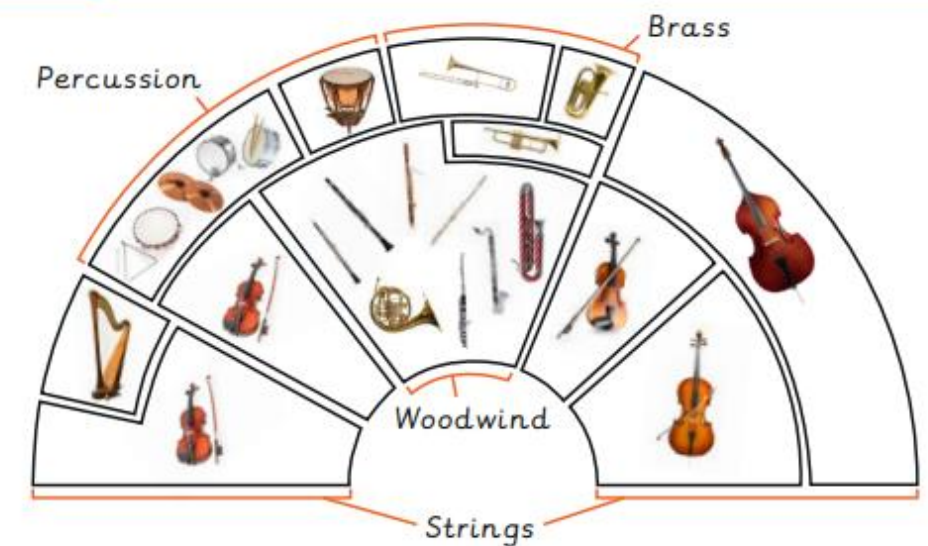
Felix Mendelssohn was a German composer, pianist, organist and conductor of the early Romantic period. Mendelssohn's compositions include symphonies, concertos, piano music, organ music and chamber music. He wrote 'The Wedding March' and the melody to 'Hark the Herald'.

Rain Sound by Clapping

Using body percussion to create a 'soundwave' of rain.



Orchestra - A group of instruments that play together.



- Strings** - Instruments that are played by plucking or bowing strings.
- Woodwind** - Instruments that make sound by blowing air through a reed or small mouthpiece.
- Brass** - Instruments that are made of metal and the sound is made by blowing air through a cup-shaped mouthpiece.
- Percussion** - Instruments that are played by striking, beating or shaking the instrument.