

Fundamental Music Terms

1. sound vibrations:

2. pitch (frequency)

3. dynamics (amplitude)

4. dynamic markings

5. crescendo and decrescendo

6. tone color (overtones)

7. duration

8. rhythm

9. beat

10. accents

11. meter

12. measures and bar lines

13. syncopation

14. tempo

15. metronome markings

16. the diatonic scale (a.k.a. the major scale)

17. the chromatic scale

18. intervals

a. the octave

b. the half step

c. the whole step

19. melody

20. tune

21. motives

22. themes

23. harmony

a. chords

24. consonance

25. dissonance

26. texture

a. monophony

b. homophony

c. polyphony

1. imitative polyphony

2. non-imitative polyphony

27. tonality

28. modality

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a. major modality

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b. minor modality

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29. keys

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30. musical forms

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31. musical genres

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32. musical styles

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