



Vocabulary

## Orchestral Music Vocabulary

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**bass:** the lowest pitched notes or part in a piece of music

**countermelody:** a melodic part that complements the melody

**descant:** a decorative/ornamental music part above the melody

**harmony:** notes that add depth to the music but aren't part of the melody

**melody:** the main tune of a song

**non-pitched percussion:** musical part for percussion instruments that create sound without a definite note or pitch

**pitched percussion:** part for percussion instruments that can play notes in a scale

**theme:** a melody upon which a piece of music is constructed