

“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN”
MARINE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

YOUNG PEOPLE’S CONCERT

Once Upon
a Symphony



Welcome to the Young People's Concert presented by the Marine Chamber Orchestra and guest composer James Stephenson! Today you will learn about the many different instruments in a symphony orchestra, the unique sounds they make, and you may even have a chance to help compose some new music and listen to it as well! Enjoy!

INSTRUMENTS of a SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

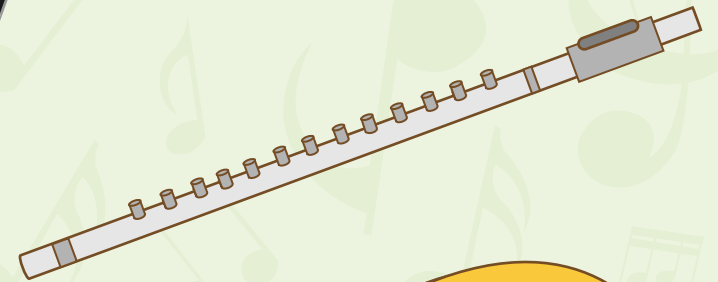
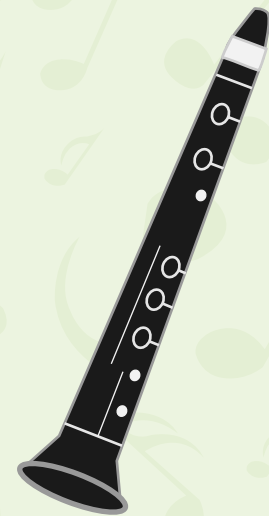
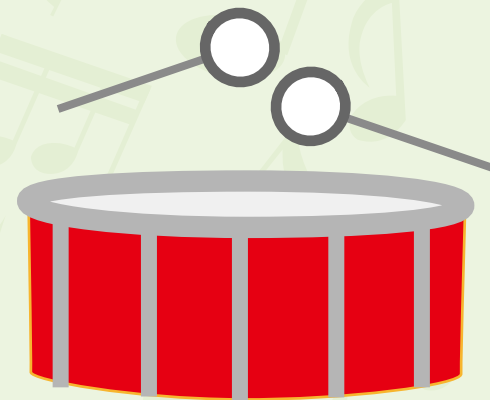
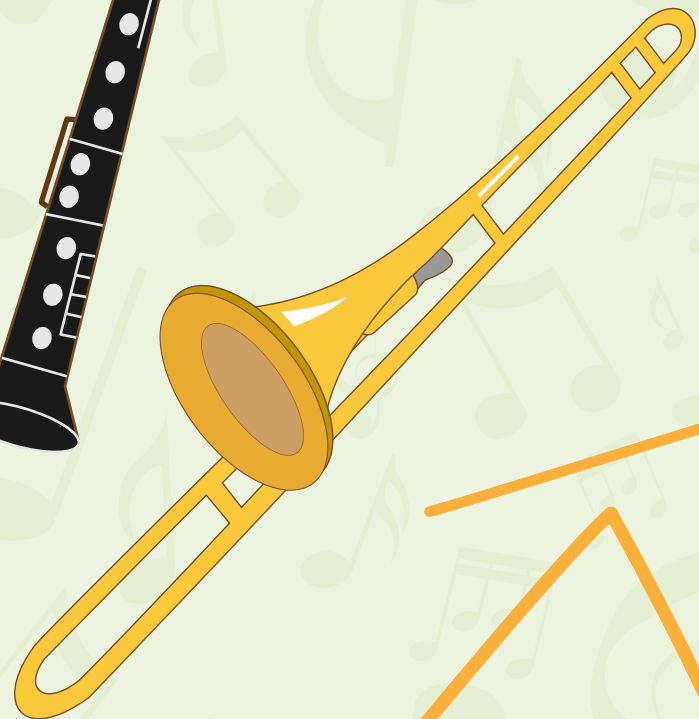
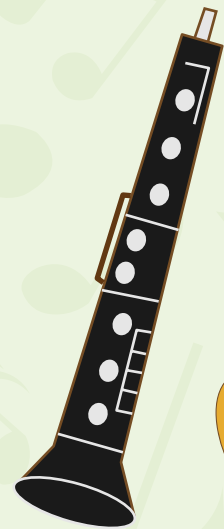
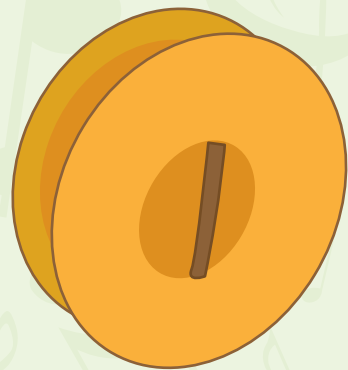
Look at the instruments on these pages and draw a line from each to the musical family they belong to below:

STRINGS

BRASS

WOODWINDS

PERCUSSION



MUSICAL MAZE

Find your way through the forest maze to find the music!

← Start Here



WORD SEARCH

C	O	M	P	O	S	E	R	L	E	Q	P	W	O	F
M	N	B	V	C	X	Z	P	O	I	B	O	T	R	E
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C	V	Y	B	N	M	N	P	O	I	R	E	Y	I	R
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X	C	V	B	P	N	M	P	O	I	D	T	G	G	J
K	L	P	O	I	H	U	Y	T	R	E	R	Q	S	D
F	G	H	J	K	L	O	M	N	M	V	A	Z	X	B
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F	D	S	A	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	C	S
M	N	B	V	C	X	Z	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	Z

Find all the words listed below. Circle them once found.
(HINT: Words can be horizontal, vertical, and diagonal.)

SYMPHONY

STRINGS

WOODWINDS

BRASS

PERCUSSION

ORCHESTRA

COMPOSER

MUSIC



WORD SCRAMBLE

You've learned a lot today! Now unscramble the words below and write the correct spelling of each on the line next to it.

ILOVNI _____

UCSSOPERNI _____

LANITCER _____

ASOBNSO _____

RONTOBEM _____

OVALI _____

EFLUT _____

RMUTTPE _____

EOLLC _____

AHRP _____

NOHR _____

EBOO _____

TAUB _____

ABSS _____

JAMES STEPHENSON, Guest Composer



In 2002, after prodding from his colleagues, James (Jim) M. Stephenson composed "Compose Yourself!" to be used for young audience concerts by the orchestra in which he was playing: the Naples Philharmonic. The piece was an interactive and engaging showcase for the orchestra, demonstrating the instruments and sections of the orchestra with a fast-paced script and exciting demonstrations of the sounds of a symphony. Looking for further ways to engage the audience, Stephenson wrote a new and fanciful story to go along with the music already composed. This new story became "Once Upon a Symphony," and tells the story of Sally and her adventurous trip with her grandfather. They encounter all sorts of delightful musical treats on their journey, with visual and sonic delights surrounding them at every turn. Sally also learns how to compose a piece of music, and ultimately the tale of her travels with grandpa indeed become the dream of a lifetime.

MAJ. RYAN J. NOWLIN, Conductor



Assistant Director Major Ryan J. Nowlin joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in August 2010 as staff arranger. He was appointed Assistant Director and commissioned a first lieutenant in July 2014, earned the rank of captain in July 2016, and was promoted to his current rank in January 2020. He was appointed Executive Officer and Senior Assistant Director in May 2018. As Assistant Director, Maj. Nowlin's responsibilities include conducting the Marine Band and Chamber Orchestra in their winter/spring concert series and summer concerts on the National Mall as well as at ceremonies in the national capital region and at the White House. Additionally, he has conducted the band at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna, Va.; at The Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago; on the Marine Band's national concert tours; and on the band's 2019 tour to Japan.

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Established by an Act of Congress in 1798, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Its mission is unique—to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Due to the musical demands of this mission, "The President's Own" began using stringed instruments for performances at the White House as early as 1878. The U.S. Marine Symphony Orchestra officially emerged as a concert ensemble in 1899 and was staffed by band musicians who doubled on a stringed instrument. In 1955 a chamber orchestra with full-time string players was formed. Whether performing for Presidents, heads of state, concert patrons or students across the National Capitol Region, "The President's Own" Marine Chamber Orchestra continues to be a cornerstone of the historic artistic life of the White House and a proud representative of the rich and diverse musical heritage of America.



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