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1. ensemble	a group of musicians performing with various instruments and/or voices
2. expressive techniques	the way a performer plays a piece of music; can involve tempo, style, articulation, ornamentation, instrumental techniques and electronic manipulation
3. falsetto	the upper register of a male's vocal range
4. forte	loud
5. forte-piano	notes attacked loudly, then immediately soft
6. fortissimo	very loud
7. fugue	a composition for a group of instruments or voices based on a musical subject that is repeated in a polyphonic texture
8. gamelan	Indonesian percussion orchestra featuring various tuning systems
9. glissando	a slide from one note to another
10. gradations	gradual changes from one musical element or one dynamic level to another e.g. gradually getting louder
11. graphic notation	a way to express patterns in music in a visual or diagrammatic way, as an alternative to traditional music notation
12. harmonic ostinato	a repeated pattern, usually chordal, played with a melody
13. harmonic riff	a repeated harmonic pattern
14. harmonic role	an instrument or voice holding the harmony in a piece of music
15. harmonics	sound vibrations (usually related to string instruments) whose frequencies create tones that are multiples of the fundamental tone
16. harmony	two or more pitches sounding together
17. hemiola	a pattern of syncopated beats with two beats played in the time of three, or three in the time of two
18. heterophonic	texture in which two or more lines are played or sung at the same time, with different variations of the same melody
19. homophonic	texture characterised by a single melodic line and a harmony (accompaniment)
20. hookline	a 'catchy' section of a piece of music that draws in the listener
21. idiophones	instruments that produce sound through vibration of the entire instrument, usually by shaking; a classification of instruments of world music
22. imitation	a pattern that is restated by the same or a different instrument as a unifying feature

23. improvisation	the act of performing music spontaneously and without planning i.e. playing freely rather than following a composed score
24. indefinite pitch	an untuned sound
25. layer	one or a combination of musical lines provided by an instrument(s), voice(s) or any other sound source(s)
26. legato	smooth or played smoothly