

Music : an illustrated history : an encyclopedia of musical instruments and the art of music-making

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Abstrak

This is an encyclopedia of musical instruments and the art of music-making. It examines a wide range of musical instruments, including strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, keyboards and the voice, as well as rare and non-Western instruments. It features famous players, orchestras and concert halls, and the role of the composer and the conductor. It includes information on the evolution of the orchestra - from medieval consorts, baroque and classical orchestras, through to the modern symphony orchestra. It explores other forms such as folk music, brass and military bands, country music, jazz bands, big bands and pop groups. The art of music-making has existed for thousands of years. This fascinating book begins with a history of music-making, posing the questions "What is music?" and "What is a musical instrument?"