MEET THE ORCHESTRA

Instrument Family Listening Suggestions

Explore the instrument families of the orchestra with these listening suggestions. Click the link to access a YouTube playlist for each instrument family or go to the Classroom Resources section at www.pittsbyrghsymphony.org/schooltime.



The String Family
Samuel Barber, Adagio for Strings
Arcangelo Corelli, "Gigue" from Suite for Strings
Jessie Montgomery, Starburst for String Orchestra
Caroline Shaw, "The Ellipse" from *Plan & Elevation*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*

Playlist link: Strings



The Woodwind Family
Samuel Barber, Summer Music for Woodwind Quintet, Op. 31
Amy Beach, Pastorale
Valerie Coleman, Umoja
Gustav Holst, "Song Without Words" from Second Suite in F
Richard Strauss, "Gavotte" from Suite in B Flat Major, Op. 4

Playlist link: Woodwinds



The Brass Family
Leonard Bernstein, "MTV, for Jerry" from *Dance Suite*
Elliot Carter, A Fantasy about Purcell's "Fantasia Upon One Note"
Aaron Copland, Fanfare for the Common Man
Billy May, Flight of the Green Hornet
Modest Mussorgsky, "Promenade" from *Pictures at An Exhibition*

Playlist link: Brass



The Percussion Family
Carlos Chavez, Toccata for Percussion Instruments
Danny Elfman, Percussion Quartet: Movement 1
Stacy Garrop, "Summoned" from *Thunderwalker*
William Russell, Three Cuban Pieces
Joseph Schwantner, Percussion Concerto: I. Con Forza

Playlist link: Percussion