

# From the Author

Let's have some fun! Numbers, stats, and quantitative analysis of student performance are all informative, but looking at them all day has some teachers and students singing the blues. This silly little book is intended to inject some fun into a way-too-serious classroom. Hope you and your students find it a much-needed break for your brains!

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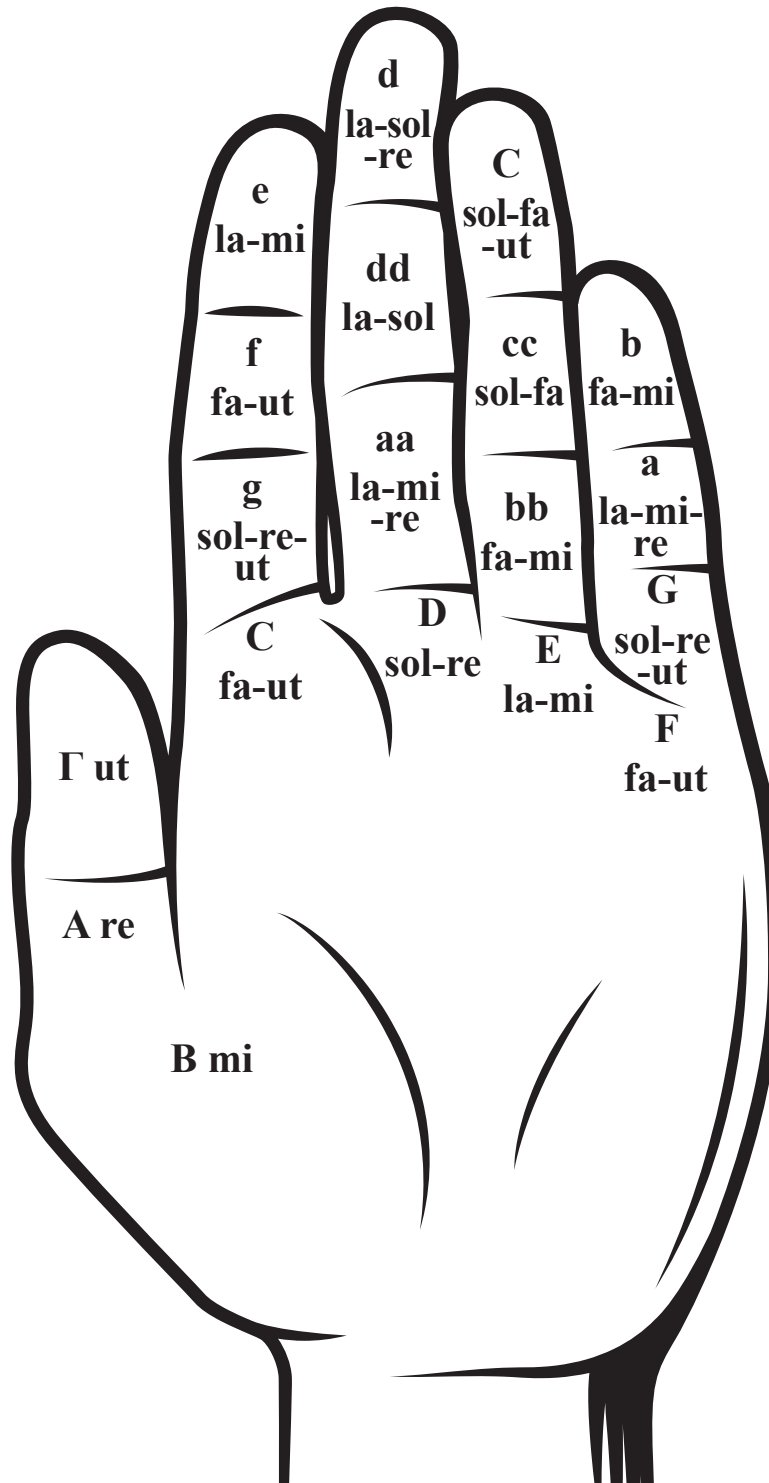


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# Guidonian Hand

This is the Guidonian Hand, created by Guido d'Arezzo, an 11<sup>th</sup>-century Italian musician. It was quite "handy" in the teaching of solfège. Use colors to make a Guidonian Hand Turkey.



# Classical Tongue Twisters

Pizzicato. Götterdämmerung. Dmitri Shostakovich. The classical music world is full of tongue-twisting turns of phrase. Try out some of the following musical tongue twisters. See if you can say each one three times FAST.

Elegant glissando.
Conductor conundrum.
Chaz can't chant casual chants.
Ravel's <i>Bolero</i> .
Five flute fantasies.
Seriously short symphony.
Trevor tunes trumpets.
Play Poulenc's piano pieces playfully.
Impressive <i>presto</i> passage.
Limited libretto.
Three little fiddles.
Lovely legato lullaby.
Several xylophone sizes.
Bland bassoon band.
Schubert chooses sharp cheddar.
The silly Theremin salesman sells silly Theremins.

Don't forget  
"Challenging  
cello concerto."



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# Music Symbol Melee

What do you make of these music symbols?



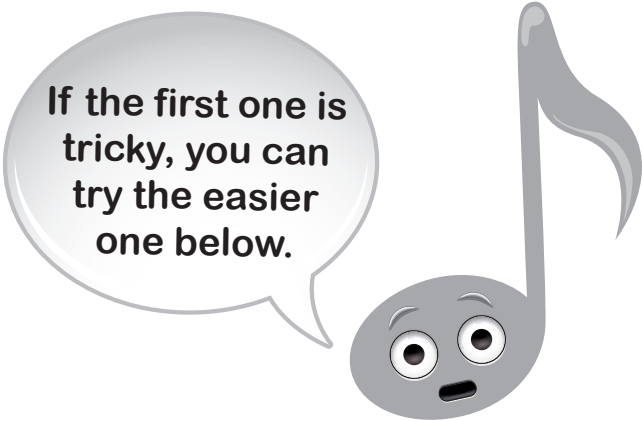
No, seriously. Choose one of the music symbols above and draw it in the space provided. Then hand it to a friend and have her/him turn it into a picture. Take turns giving each other music symbols to turn into pictures.

# Really Hard Drawing Activity

Connect the dots to make a picture of an important music symbol.

A.

• 1



• 2

B.

• 1

Answer Key  
A. bar line    B. staccato sign

# Instrument Rebus

Solve the rebus puzzles to discover some musical instrument names.

1.



-acula +



-brella =

\_\_\_\_\_

2.



=

\_\_\_\_\_

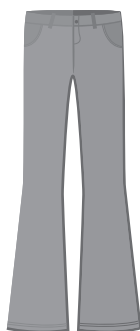
3.

$14 \div 2 \times 4 - 27 + 1 + \text{ba} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.



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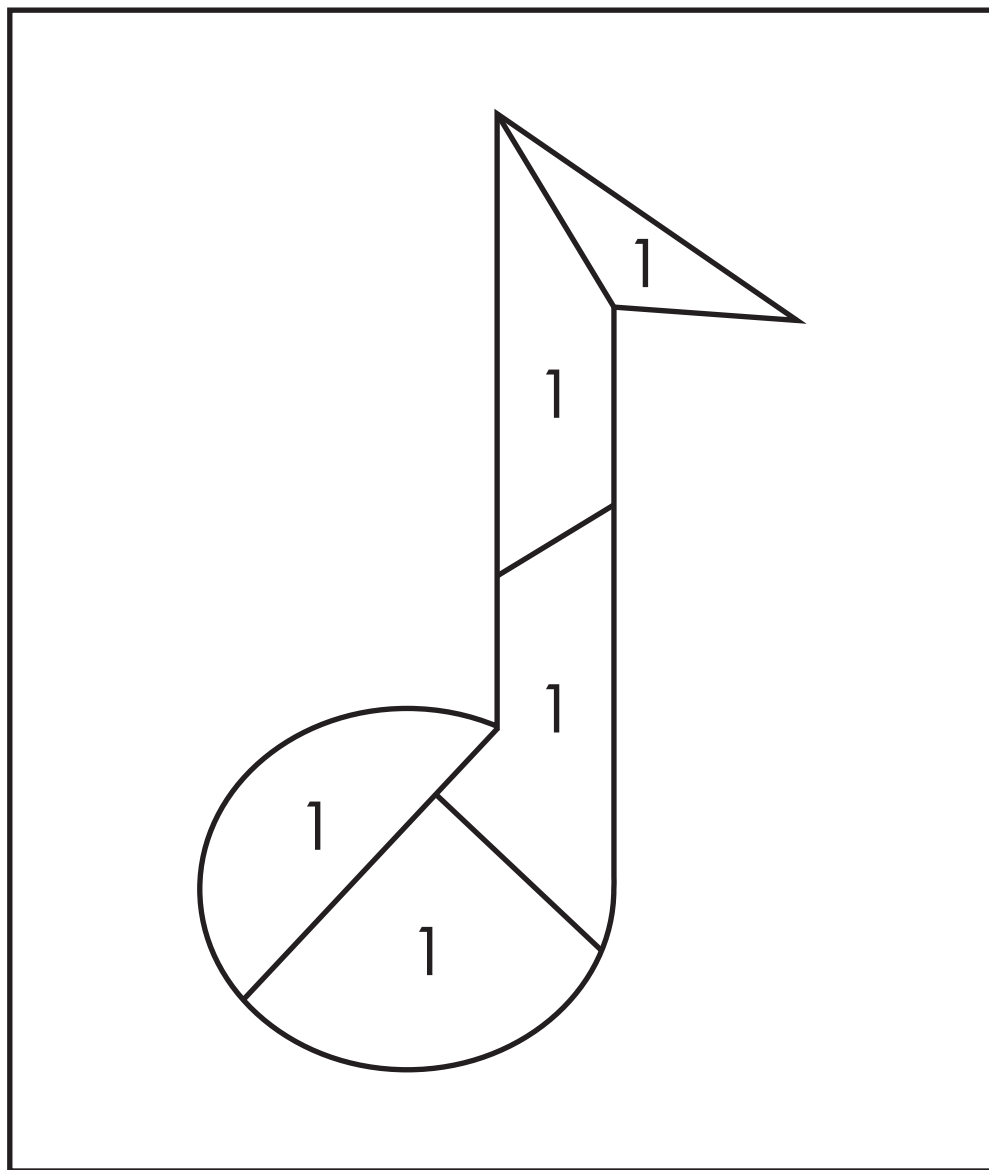


-bottoms =

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# Color By Number

Color each numbered panel with its corresponding color to reveal the hidden music symbol. No guessing!



1 - black

# Instrument Matching

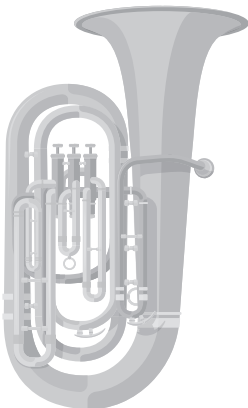
Follow the winding paths to connect each musical instrument with its instrument family name. Some paths are more...um...*straightforward* than others.



Oboe



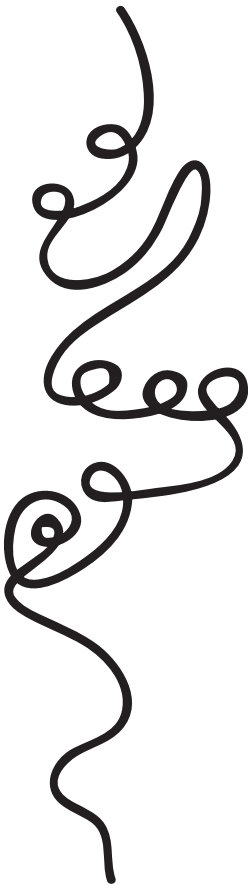
Harp



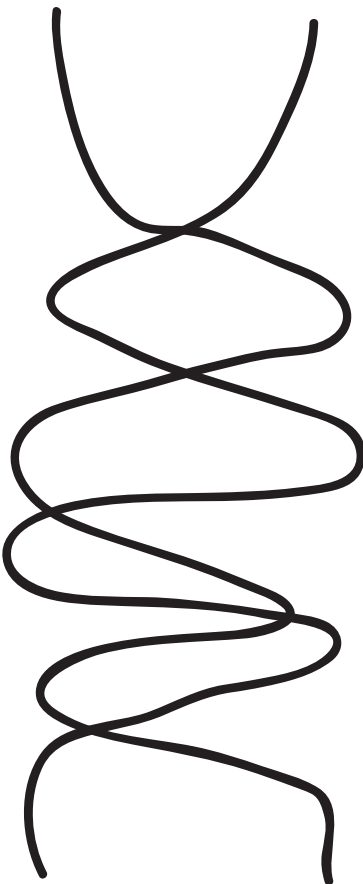
Tuba



Kettle Drums  
(Timpani)



**Woodwind**



**Brass**

**Strings**



**Percussion**