

Music Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 music fact cards (pages 2–6)
- music questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the music questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 music fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs, on the computer



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You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Music

Fact Card

1



The highest note ever sung was a G10 by Georgia Brown. The lowest was a G-7 by Tim Storms. Human ears can't hear

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Fact Card

2



We can't all be like Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart! He wrote his first symphony at age 8. He wrote his first

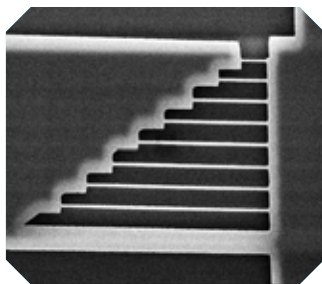


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Music

3



The world's smallest instrument is a harp. It's about the size of a red blood cell. It's played using radio waves.

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4



A theremin is played without touch. It makes an electric, magnetic field between two wires. You wave hands and fingers in it to make sounds.

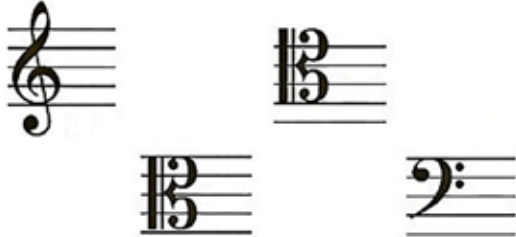


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Bass and treble are the most common clefs used to write music. Instruments like violas use

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6



The world's longest concert was held in Canada in Stouffville.



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40,000–60,000 years ago, humans and Neanderthals made the first instruments: bone flutes. They used whole rocks and bones

like drums even earlier!

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8



John Cage wrote many strange pieces. In *4'33"*, the musician makes no purposeful sound. The sounds in the room become the "music."



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9



An octave is a full scale of notes. Most instruments can play 2-4

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Key signatures use sharps (#) and flats (b) to tell what notes to play in a scale. C major and A minor



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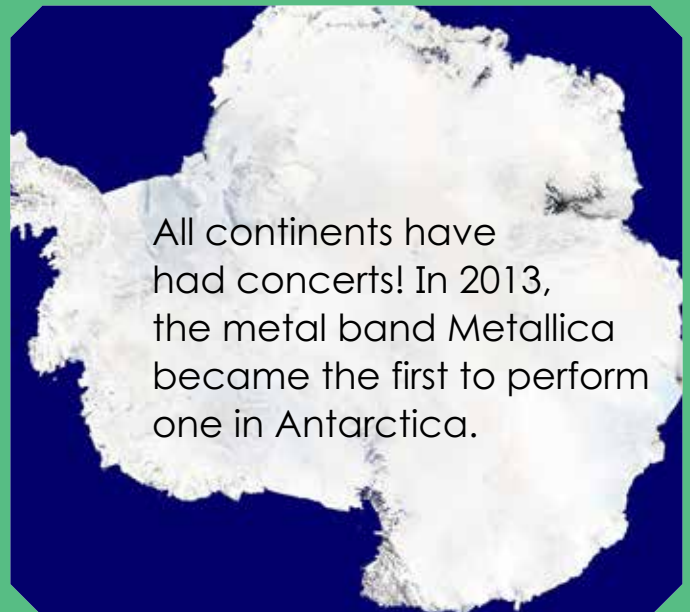
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The world's biggest instrument, the Great Stalacpipe Organ, covers 3.5 acres. Pressing keys makes hammers hit stalactites to play notes.

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All continents have had concerts! In 2013, the metal band Metallica became the first to perform one in Antarctica.

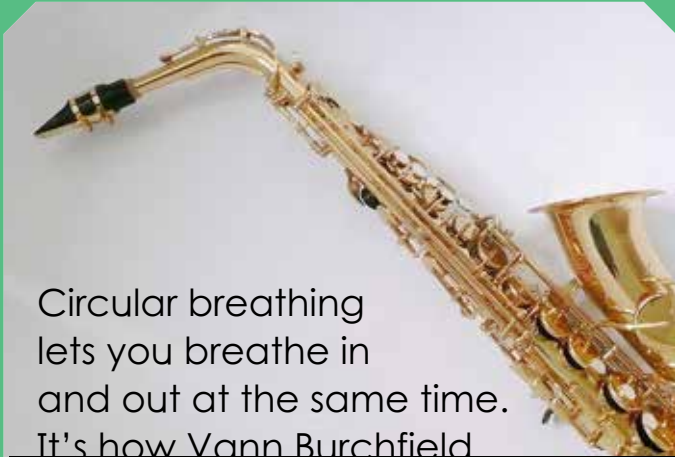


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Circular breathing lets you breathe in and out at the same time. It's how Vann Burchfield

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Glass bowls or cups you rub to make music have a name: glass

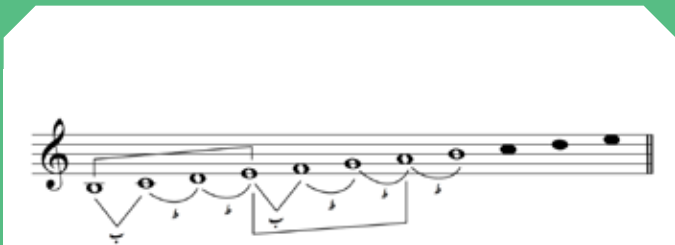


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Most Western-style music uses scales of 7 different notes. Eastern-style music often uses 5-note scales. Arabic music, pictured, often uses scales of 24 tones, not notes.

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Tempo is music speed. Today's music is mostly between 80–140 BPM (beats per minute). The fastest songs are more than 1,000 BPM.





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Fact Card

17

Are cannons instruments?
Tchaikovsky—who also composed
The Nutcracker—wrote cannon
fire into the end of his
1812 Overture!

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A quarter note is one beat, an



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Name: _____

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Fact Card 1: Name one thing the highest and lowest notes ever sung have in common.

Fact Card 2: How old was Mozart when he wrote his first symphony?

Fact Card 3: About how big is the world's smallest instrument?



Fact Card 6: How many full days did the world's longest concert last?

Fact Card 7: What were the first human- and Neanderthal-made instruments?

Fact Card 8: What makes the "music" in John Cage's 4'33"?

Fact Card 9: How many keys do most pianos have?

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Fact Card 10: Which two key signatures have 0 sharp or flat notes?

Fact Card 11: The biggest instrument plays notes by hitting what?

Fact Card 12: When was Antarctica's first concert held?



Fact Card 15: A traditional Chinese song likely uses a scale of how many different notes?

Fact Card 16: Most of today's music falls in what tempo range?

Fact Card 17: What strange "instrument" is part of the *1812 Overture*?

Fact Card 18: What is the smallest note ever used in written music?

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Accept either: human ears can't hear them; they were both Gs.

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Fact Card 9: How many keys do most pianos have?

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C major and A minor

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Fact Card 18: What is the smallest note ever used in written music?

4096th note