

CHILDREN'S MUSIC GUIDE



**RHAPSODY IN
RED, WHITE, AND
BLUE!** ★ ★ ★



ENDLESS MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

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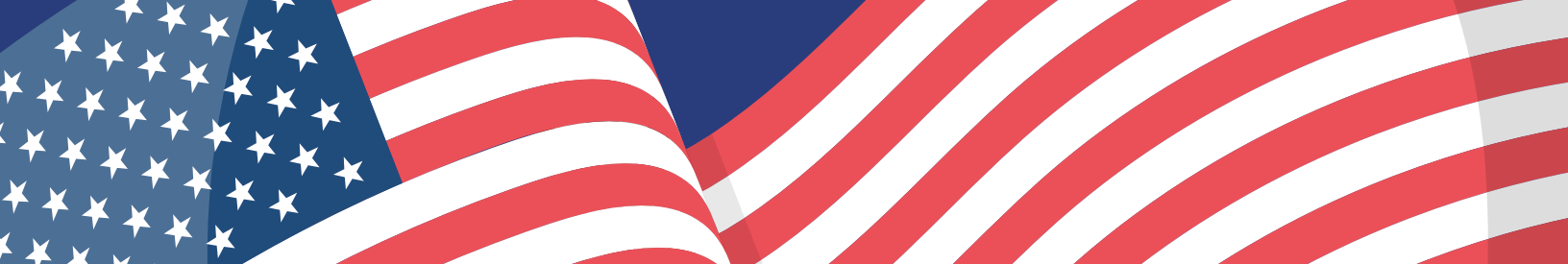
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RHAPSODY IN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE!

George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" is celebrating its 100 year anniversary! This 1924 musical composition is one of the most recognizable creations in American music history. To celebrate the centennial, pianist Jeffrey Biegel created the Rhapsody National Initiative and Peter Boyer composed a new work for piano and orchestra inspired by the iconic masterpiece. The new work is titled: "Rhapsody in Red, White, and Blue."

To showcase this new work, it is being performed in every state, symbolizing the American flag, while celebrating our diversity and unity through music. Biegel and the festival orchestra will be presenting the Pennsylvania premiere at the Endless Mountain Music Festival on opening night!

ABOUT THE COMPOSERS

Jeffrey Biegel

Jeffrey Biegel is a distinguished pianist celebrated for his groundbreaking contributions to classical music. He has achieved global acclaim for his performances with major orchestras. In 2019, Biegel and the London Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor JoAnn Falletta, won a Grammy Award. Biegel's passion for new compositions has led to premieres of over 25 works by contemporary composers, while his role at Brooklyn College's Conservatory of Music underscores his commitment to music education and mentorship.

Peter Boyer

Grammy-nominated Peter Boyer is one of the most often performed American orchestral composers of his generation. His works have received over 500 public performances by nearly 200 orchestras, and thousands of broadcasts by classical radio stations around the world. He has conducted with some of the most prestigious orchestras in the world, including the London Symphony Orchestra, and the London Philharmonia, and several orchestras have commissioned Boyer to create works for them, including the Boston Pops Symphony and the National Symphony Orchestra.

All About the Orchestra

The symphony orchestra is the largest all musical groups, with as many as 100 players! It is divided into four musical families called strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Every instrument in the orchestra belongs to one of these families. In a symphony orchestra, the musical families are related to one another just like cousins, aunts, and uncles. The orchestra is a big family of instruments playing together. Below is an example of what a typical symphony orchestra looks like, and how the musicians are arranged on the orchestra floor! Can you find each section during the concert?

Conductor 1
Total Musicians 76

STRINGS

Violins 24
Violas 8
Cellos 7
Double Basses 5

WOODWINDS

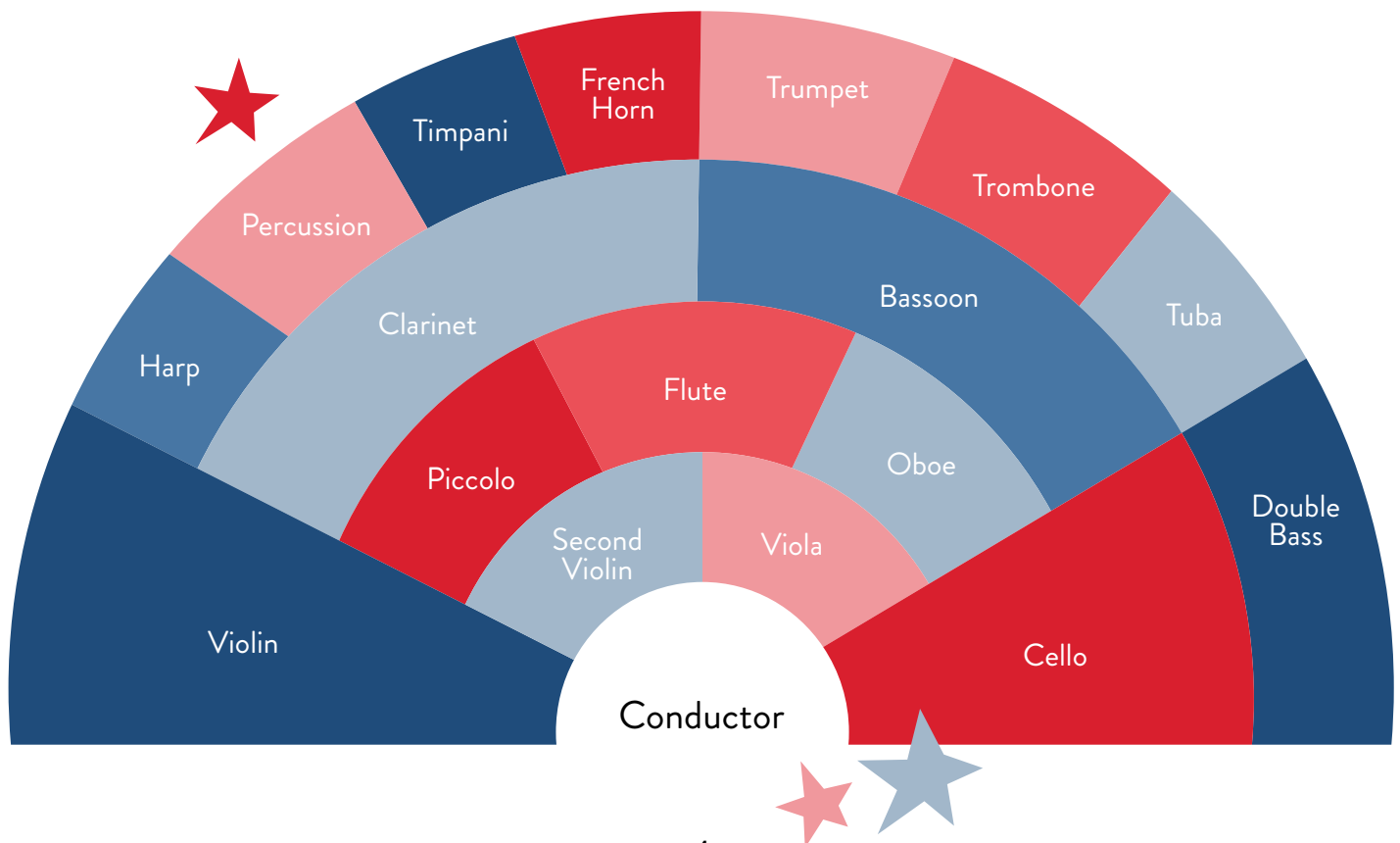
Flutes 3
Piccolo 1
Oboes 3
English Horn 1
Clarinets 3
Bassoons 3

BRASS

French Horns 5
Trumpets 3
Trombones 3
Tuba 1

PERCUSSION

Timpani 1
Percussion 3
Keyboard 1
Harp 1



Rhapsody in Blue Word Search

A	R	T	S	E	H	C	R	O	M	R	U	A	P	S
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H	O	I	R	N	H	H	E	S	O	T	Z	R	O	E



American
Boyer
Broadway
Classical

Word Bank

Composer
Crossover
Gershwin
Jazz



Lyrics
Opera
Orchestra
Premiere

History of Music in the United States

There have been many key musical genres throughout the history of the United States of America. Below, we celebrate just a few of the stories of American music and the visionaries who made it what it is, beginning in the late 1800s.



1885

The Boston Symphony Orchestra's founder, Henry Lee Higginson, developed a new type of musical series for orchestras, proposing a "popular" or "Pops" concert. These concerts were an immediate sensation! Pops concerts now integrate all types of genres, incorporating jazz, Big Band, Broadway, and classical, appealing to all types of audiences.

1903

WC Handy, who referred to himself as "Father of the Blues", claimed to hear the first ever Blues music being played by a street guitarist at the Tutwiler, Mississippi train station. A mixture of work songs, spiritual music, and gospel combined to create a call-and-response form common in blues music, and later adopted by other musical genres.



1920's

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jazz quickly captivated the American public with its smooth rhythms and melodies. The 1920s began the era of the "Jazz Age", and produced its first superstar, Louis (Louie) Armstrong, whose trumpet skills catapulted him to global fame.

History of Music in the United States

1925

Country music began as a blend of genres: English folk ballads, Mississippi Delta blues, Irish fiddle tunes, and French/Cajun music. Its popularity began when record companies began marketing the genre to the masses. The Carter family were the first vocal group to become country music stars.



1950's

They say the blues had a baby, and called it Rock and Roll. Afro-American expressions of gospels, blues and rhythm converged to form rock and roll. Elvis Presley, also known as "The King", was a pioneer of the sound, and a leading figure in this musical genre for several decades.

1970's — 1990's

From the block parties of New York City's Bronx neighborhoods in the early 1970s came a new musical phenomenon. The genre began as live vocalists MC-ing over instrumental breakbeats, played by DJs like Afrika Bambaataa. Hip-hop spread across the U.S.A., with every major city developing its own unique brand of this powerful, gritty, and exciting genre.



American Composers Through History

Scan the QR codes to listen to music from some of America's most famous composers!



Scott Joplin

American composer and pianist. Joplin was best known as "The King of Ragtime" and for his song "The Entertainer", theme of the 1973 movie *The Sting* which won an Oscar Award for Best Film Score.



Florence Price

Classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. She was the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer! Price composed over 300 works throughout her career.



George Gershwin

Composer and pianist whose compositions spanned popular, jazz, and classical genres. Among his best known works is the orchestral composition "Rhapsody in Blue", which inspired Jeffrey Biegel's "Rhapsody in Red, White, and Blue" that will be performed on Endless Mountain Music Festival's opening night!



Duke Ellington

American pianist who was the greatest jazz composer and bandleader of his time! One of the originators of big-band jazz, Ellington led his band for over half a century, composed thousands of scores, and created one of the most distinctive sounds in all of Western music.

American Composers Through History



Aaron Copland

American composer, critic, writer, teacher, pianist and later a conductor of his own and other American music. Copland was referred by his peers and critics as the "Dean of American Composers" because of his distinctive musical characterization of American themes in an expressive modern style.



Leonard Bernstein

American conductor, composer, pianist, music educator, author, and humanitarian. Considered to be one of the most important conductors of his time, he was the first American-born conductor to receive international acclaim!



John Williams

American composer and conductor. In a career that has spanned seven decades, he has composed some of the most popular, recognizable, and critically acclaimed film scores in cinema history including *Indiana Jones*, *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, and *Jaws*!



Randy Newman

American singer, songwriter, arranger, pianist, composer, and conductor known for his Southern-accented singing style, early Americana-influenced songs, and various film scores including the *Toy Story* films, *Monsters, Inc.*, *Cars*, and more!

Fill-in-the-Blank

Where did American music begin? It began with the Native Americans, the original inhabitants of _____, of course! Since then, music has grown and evolved, and become a _____ of different cultures and genres. At the Endless Mountain Music Festival, we celebrate a variety of these _____, including classical, jazz, _____ and more. The Opening Night of the Festival this year includes the Pennsylvania _____ of Boyer's "Rhapsody in Red, White, & Blue," which is an ode to George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," which is celebrating its 100-year _____!

Gershwin is one of the most significant and popular American _____ in history. Since his time, there have been a variety of composers and musicians who have made their mark on American music! One of the originators of "big band" jazz, _____ created one of the most distinctive sounds in all of Western music. American singer, songwriter, arranger, pianist and composer _____ is known for various film scores including the _____ films and *Monsters, Inc.* _____ was considered the "Dean of American Composers" because of his expressive and modern style. Many composers throughout history have helped shape music as we know it today, and we honor them by playing their music at our festival each year. There are a variety of _____ for you to attend for free this summer at the Endless Mountain Music Festival!

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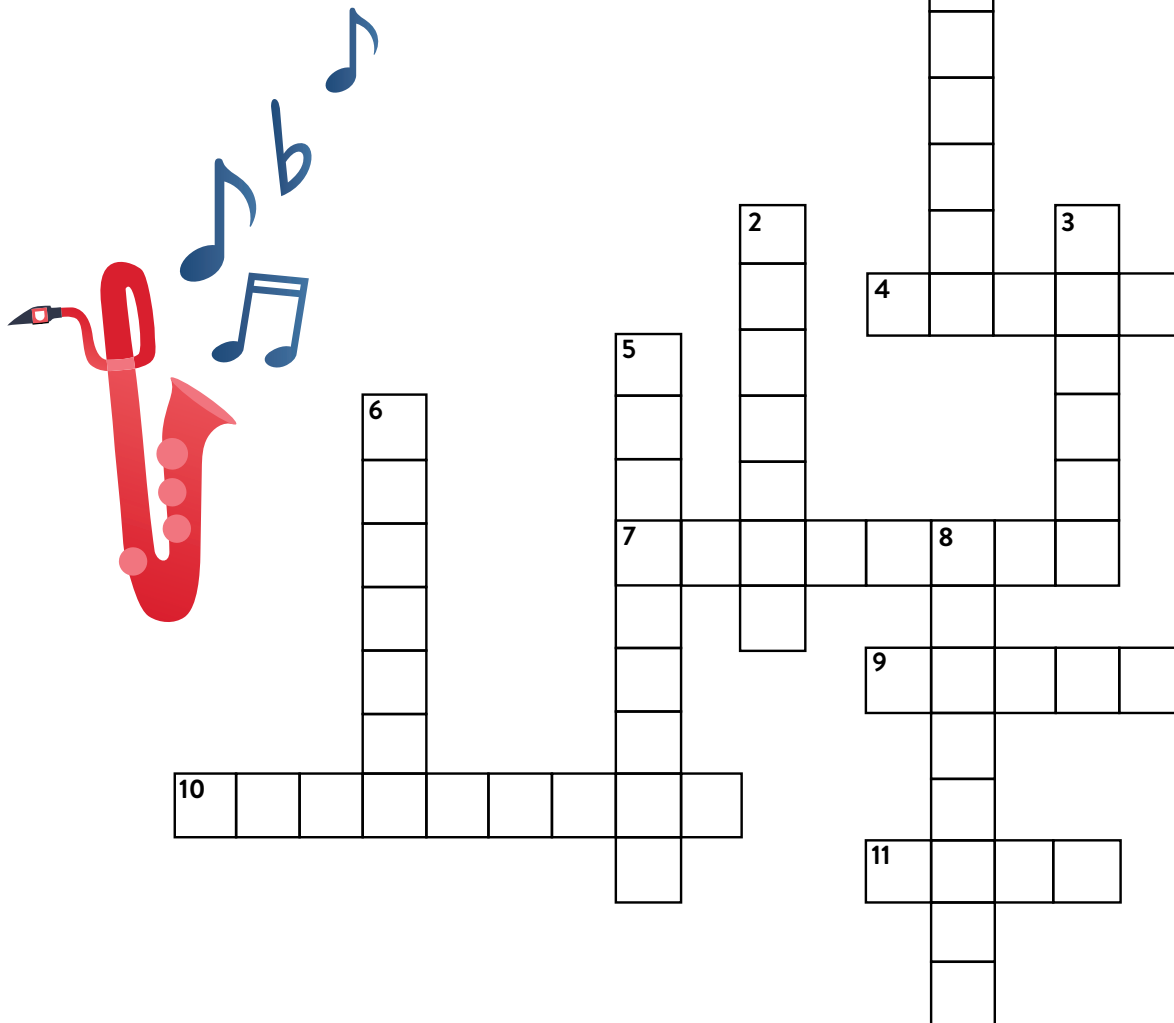
concerts
Toy Story
composers

Duke Ellington
Randy Newman
pops

melting pot
premiere
America

Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle by looking through the rest of the music guide to find the answers!



Across

4. WC Handy is the "father" of this genre
7. Composed "Rhapsody in Blue"
9. The "king" of rock-n-roll
10. Person in the orchestra who has no instrument
11. A style of music born in New Orleans

Down

1. Performing "Rhapsody in Red, White, & Blue" on Opening Night
2. This genre of music originated in 1925
3. Scored the Toy Story films
5. Boston Symphony Orchestra's founder
6. "Dean of American Composers"
8. Wrote the film score for Jaws

Tell Us What You Think!

Which concert did you go to?

What was your favorite part of the concert?

What was your favorite instrument you saw/heard?

Did you learn anything at the concert? What did you learn?

Tell us what you thought by mailing this sheet to:

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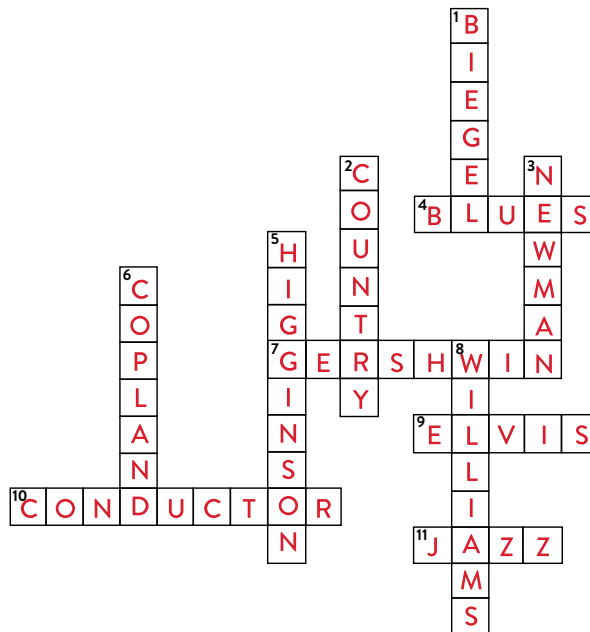


Answer Key

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