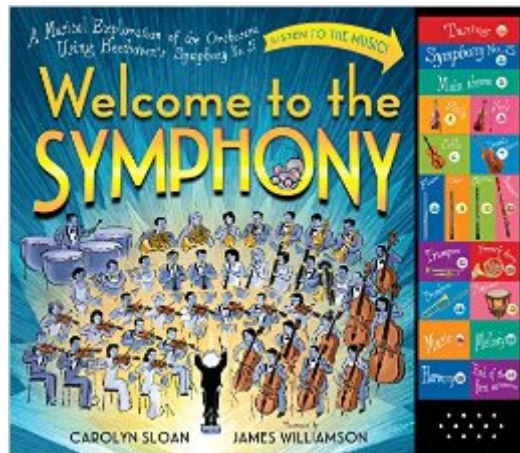


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# Welcome To The Symphony: A Musical Exploration Of The Orchestra Using Beethoven's Symphony No. 5



## Synopsis

Using one of the most famous works in classical musicâBeethovenâs Fifth Symphonyâhere is the perfect way to introduce a young child to the world of classical music. This charming and interactive picture book with its panel of 19 sound buttons is like a ticket to a concert hall, taking readers on a journey from the exciting first moment when the musicians begin tuning up to the end of the first movement (attention newcomers: donât clap yet!). At each step of the way, readers learn the basics of classical music and the orchestra: What is a conductor? What is a symphony? Who was Beethoven? The different aspects of music: melody, harmony, tempo, theme. And the families of instrumentsâstrings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. But the best part is that every critical idea is illustrated in gorgeous sound. The sound panel allows readers to hear the different parts of the symphony and voices of the musicâthe famous beginning of the Fifth, what a clarinet sounds like, the difference between a violin and a viola, what a melody is, and what harmony is. Kids will want to match their voices to the A note that tunes the orchestra, dance to the rhythmic passagesâand, of course, sing along to da-da-da-daah! Â

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I grew up with music part of my life. I was always learning to play an instrument or the history of music. As a homeschool family, I like to incorporate music education. This book is absolutely perfect for introducing children to music. It isn't complicated and it's written in a way that they completely understand it. The little mice that walk them through the book help to keep the children's attention and the side sounds help them understand even more. My five-year old has really enjoyed this book, but surprisingly my eight-year old has as well. \*\*I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest opinion\*\*

This is a wonderful book for children to learn all about music--from terms, instruments, how an orchestra is put together and what it sounds like. My 16-year old cello playing teen thought it was great. I wish I had this book when he was little. I highly recommend this for any children, especially those who are musically interested or are taking lessons.

My 3yo loves this book. I think it's okay. Pros: Buttons! Presents the symphony in a way that is very accessible to kids using a song they may already be familiar with. Cons: The audio quality is fairly poor. The audio bits are also quite short and you miss a lot of the song. I would recommend this book on its own if you're just looking for a fun book with buttons, or in conjunction with a book with CD - My First Classical Music Book, for example - if you're looking for an introduction to classical music or the parts of the orchestra. (Really, if you're looking to introduce classical music, there are many better books out there and you could skip this one entirely.) Recommend with reservations for kids ages 2-4.

Who knew you could introduce children to orchestral music through a book? The sound reproduction on this book is just short of amazing. I'm sure you have all heard the musical greeting cards but this is at least a step or few above them in sound quality. This is a book that a parent is going to want to read with their child. It is an interactive experience which will please both parent and child. I received a free copy of this book with an expectation of an honest review, which this is. I recommend it.

Excellent book to get children introduced to the symphony orchestra and its instruments. I gave it to my 8 year old nephew and he was thrilled with how the books worked with the recorded examples that he could touch-n-play. And as a music teacher for over 42 years I was glad there was a marvelous tool like this available.

Great book for young beginning musicians! The one problem (and the reason for only 3 stars) was that the batteries were dead when the book arrived, so before I even wrapped it up for Christmas I had to buy 3 AG13 button cell batteries and replace them. Apparently that's not uncommon, because the instructions on the back of the book note "malfunctioning sound unit may indicate that batteries require replacement." Kind of a drag, but a good book otherwise.

This book is so cool. I read it twice myself! It follows three mice who visit the symphony for the first time and everything they learn. I love that you can hear the different instruments play individually. The only improvement I would make is a few more options to hear the orchestra play together, and also a button to adjust the volume. The volume level is ok in a quiet room, but when my niece opened the book on Christmas Day, it was difficult to hear over the other chatter in the room.

I gave this as a joint-Christmas gift to two little girls (sisters), and they like it a lot. This is a perfect song with which to introduce children to classical music. The story of mice going to the orchestra is a little dopey, but it works.

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