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The Orchestra



Synopsis

...an intelligent book, neatly executed, and just insouciant enough to maintain adult interest -- The Toronto Globe and Mail The Orchestra, a non-fiction book for children, introduces musical instruments, basic musical concepts and the symphonic orchestra. The very straight-forward text is accompanied by playful, but accurate, drawings. A number of musical concepts are explored, among them harmony, tempo and dynamics. The role of the composer and conductor are explored and each musical instrument described. A subplot, apparent only through the illustrations, shows two children who wend their way through the orchestra's rehearsal, visiting the instrument families, and culminates in a full-dress concert. Comprehensive, but simple in its approach, the book combines solid information with an enjoyable format.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

I liked the story of the orchestra in book form as well as the CD. I like children to listen to and to see things if they are learning about new things. The orchestra needs to be explained in words, pictures, and sound.

This is a superb book/CD set for introducing the orchestra, all its instruments, and musical terms such as tempo, dynamics, etc. We first got it when my son was 3 and he just liked the book, now at

age 4 he is captivated by the CD as well. I like that it can grow with a child's understanding/interest for several years. Peter Ustinov's narration is fantastic, a real treat to listen to!

Excellent resource to introduce children to the instruments of the orchestra. Particularly valuable when used in conjunction with the tape.

This book narrates in a kid friendly manner the various types of instruments used in an orchestra. The book contains bright colourful illustrations of different instruments.

Please see my review of the DVD by the same title which was purchased at the same time. Great find of an out-of-print book.

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