2021 (Narrator) STAGE MANAGER

The Harmony Games

An interactive and educational work for narrator and orchestra

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The Harmony Games

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commissioned by Artis-Naples: The Naples Philharmonic
Andrey Boreyko, Music Director

First Performance (chamber version): September 25, 2018

Daniels Pavilion, Naples, Florida

Radu Paponiu, Conductor

First Performance (full version): October 2, 2021
Pioneer Center for the Arts, Reno, NV
Laura Jackson, Conductor

NARRATION

- The narrator should be amplified, ideally with a hands-free microphone. Once an accurate level is set, it should not be necessary to mix the balance during performance.
- The narrator should be located where communication with the conductor is possible.
- A stool and music stand with stand light should be provided.
- Narrator Traits: The timing and delivery of the narration is integral to a smooth and effective performance of The Harmony Games. An ideal narrator is someone who is comfortable reading music and aware of pacing. A singer or actor with Broadway/show experience would be an example of a desirable candidate: someone who has great stage presence while also recognizing their role in an ensemble.

VISUALS

- The Harmony Games may be performed with or without additional visuals.
- Accompanying artwork is available from the composer, provided electronically as a PowerPoint document.
- Slide cues are marked in the Stage Manager's Score.
- It is recommended to project the slideshow above or behind the orchestra. The stage should be darkened, and individual stand lights should be provided to enable greater contrast and visibility of the projections.
- The conductor remains illuminated throughout.

LIGHTING

- For optional dramatic effect, whether using accompanying artwork or not, it is effective
 to dim lights on stage and use individual stand lights for the musicians and a conductor
 special on the podium.
- During corresponding musical sections (ex: Strings, Winds, Brass, Percussion), if lighting conditions permit, it is helpful to highlight different sections/musicians of the orchestra.

FULL VS. CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PARTS

 When performing the chamber orchestra version, the orchestra simply needs to use the corresponding parts from the complete set and the appropriate score. No further changes are necessary.

OPTIONAL Q&A

- The Harmony Games may be performed with the Optional Guided Q&A when presented as an educational or family program. The text and examples that are provided may be freely altered based on time constraints or artistic judgement. The contents are as follows:
 - I. INTRO. Listening comprehension questions (ca. 1')
 - II. Strings. Re-identification of all strings and harp (ca. 1')
 - III. Winds. Clarinet followed by Flute and/or Oboe and/or Bassoon (ca. 1-2')
 - IV. DYNAMICS. Soft/soli vs. loud/tutti (ca. 1')
 - V. Brass. Horns and/or Trumpet and/or Trombone and/or Tuba (ca. 1-2')
 - VI. Percussion.
 - a. Shake, Scrape, Strike (ca. 1')
 - b. Re-identification of 6 beats as 3+3, 2+2+2 (ca. 1')
 - VII. TEMPO. Fast vs. slow (ca. 1')
 - VIII. CONDUCTING. Conducting with 2-4 volunteer(s) from audience (ca. 2-4')
 - IX. OUTRO. (ca 1')
- NOTE: Some orchestras require performances to be under 50' in total length. If this timing is desirable, it is recommended to do the following sections (marked in CAPS above): Intro, Dynamics, Tempo, Conducting, and Outro. This duration is about 7-8 minutes, is varied, interactive, and engaging, and is an effective musical and educational end to the performance.

OPTIONAL TEACHER MATERIALS

 Optional teacher materials are available in PDF format. These include an overall synopsis of The Harmony Games, section breakdowns, what to expect from a concert, glossary of terms, discussion topics and questions, and further class activities.

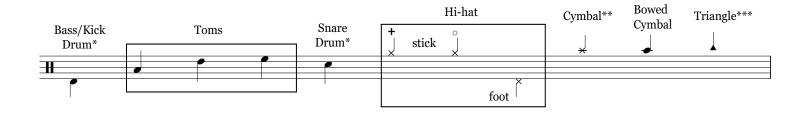
EPISODES FORMAT

 Alternate text and library indications are available to produce The Harmony Games in a four-part mini-series where each episode is under 20 minutes.

PERCUSSION LIST and KEY

Percussion 1: Drum Kit (Snare*, Bass/Kick Drum*, Hi-hat, Cymbals**, 3 Toms)

Glockenspiel Triangle***
Bowed Cymbal 2 Wood Blocks Mark Tree Guiro Tambourine Slide Whistle



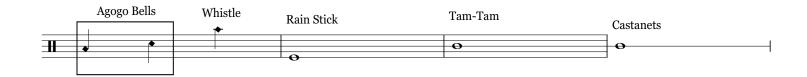


* at discretion: small, muffled ** at discretion: crash, splash, susp. *** high

29", 26", 24", 22" Timpani:

Percussion 2: Rain Stick

Tam-tam Castanets 2 Agogo Bells Whistle



INSTRUMENTATION

Full Orchestra Chamber Orchestra

Narrator Narrator

2 Flutes2 OboesFluteOboe

2 Clarinets in Bb2 BassoonsClarinets in BbBassoon

4 French Horns in F
2 Trumpets in C
Trumpet in C
2 Trombones
Trombone
Tuba

Timpani/Percussion 2 Timpani/Percussion 2

Percussion 1 Percussion 1

Harp Harp

Strings Strings

DURATION

Tuba

The Harmony Games is divided into two sections:

- I. The Harmony Games (approx. 42 minutes)
- II. Optional Guided Q&A (approx. 6-15 minutes)

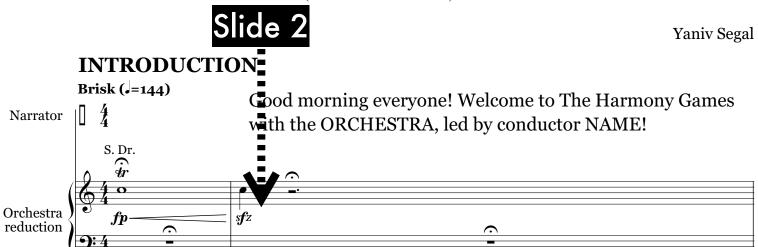
Orchestral parts and additional scores are available for purchase from www.yanivsegal.com or e-mail info@yanivsegal.com

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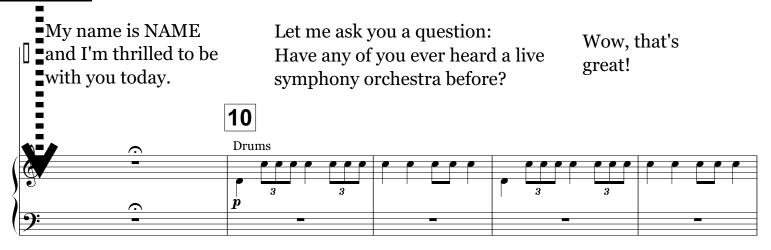
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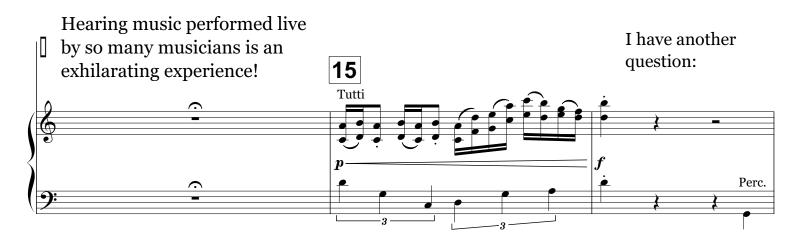
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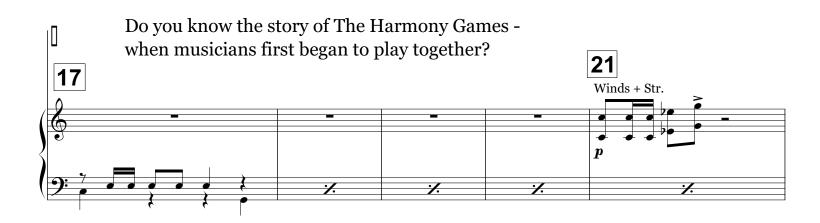


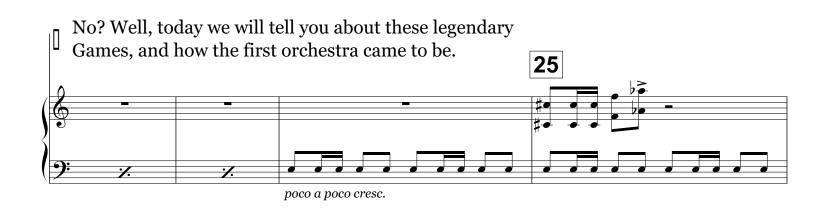


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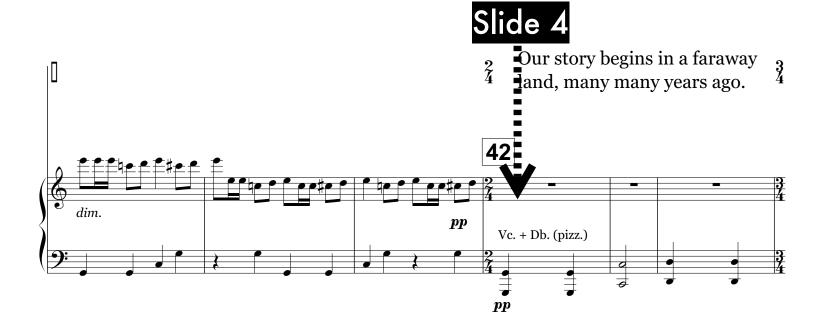


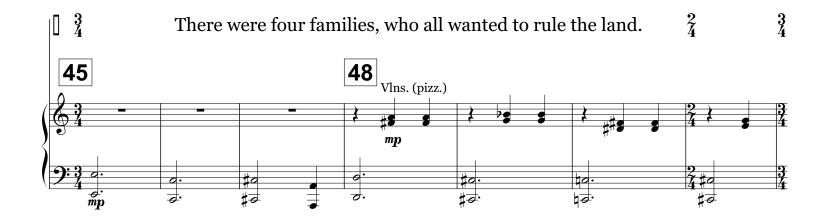




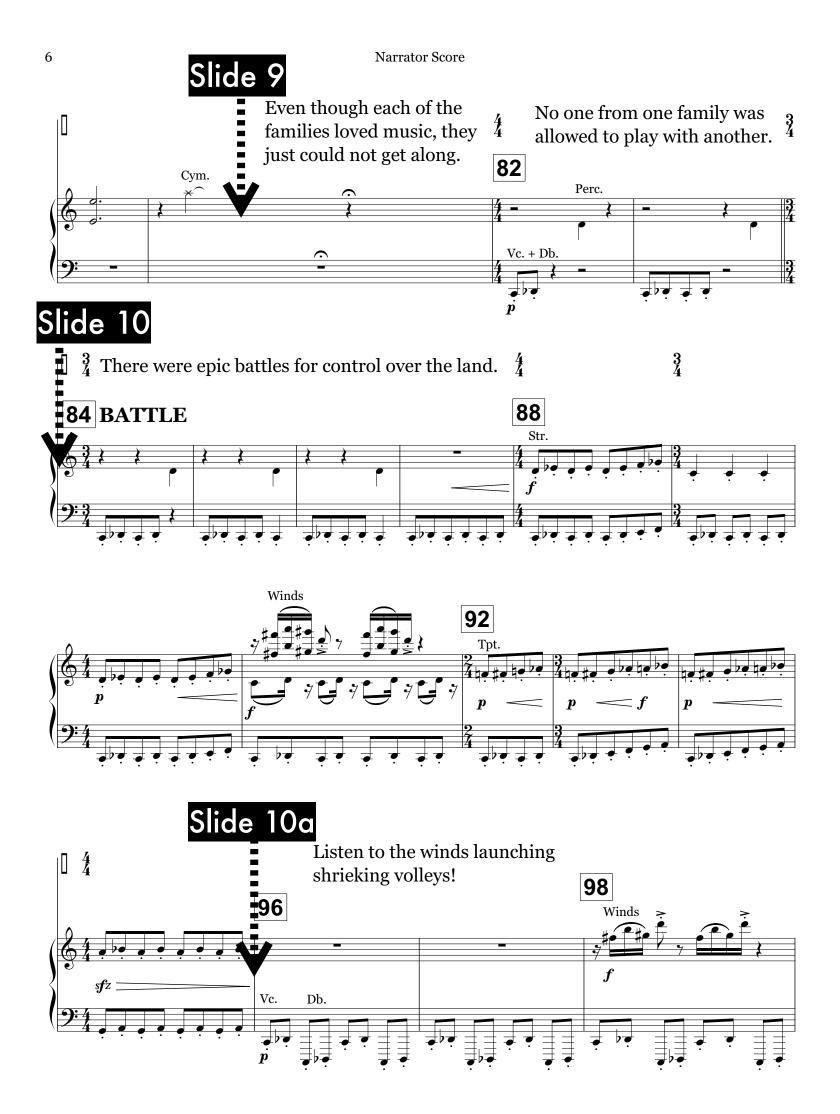






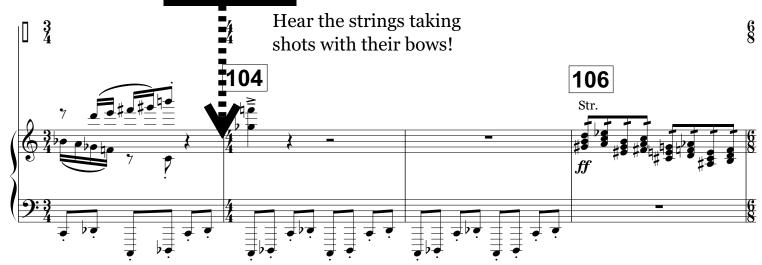


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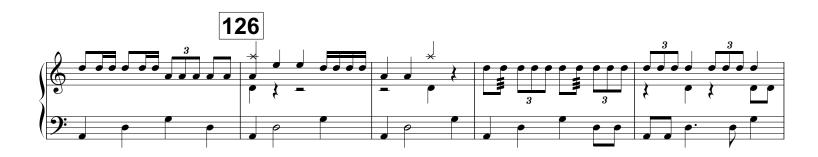






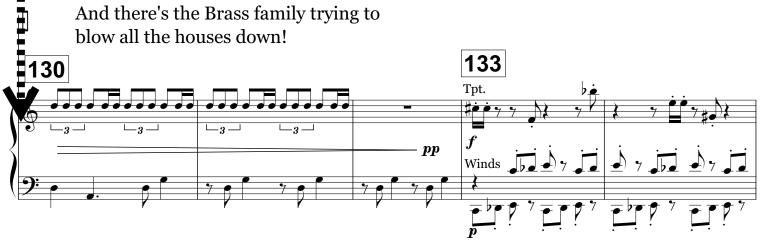
Can you hear the percussion marching to battle?

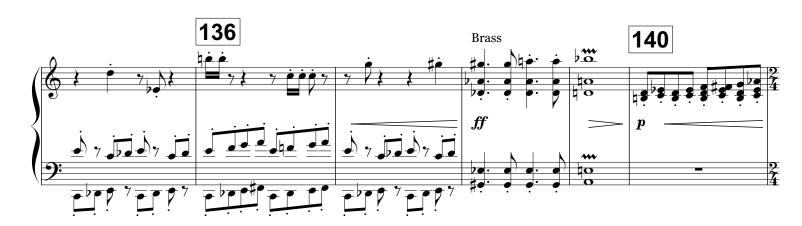




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And there's the Brass family trying to blow all the houses down!









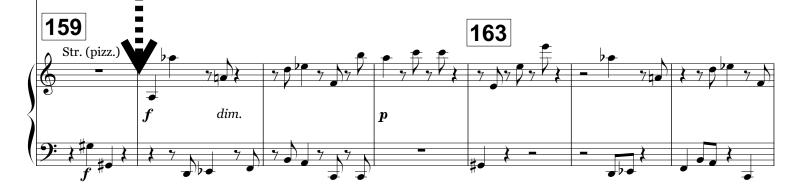


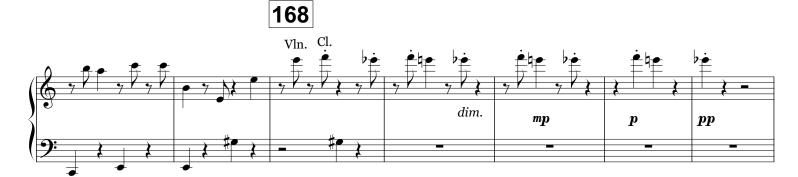




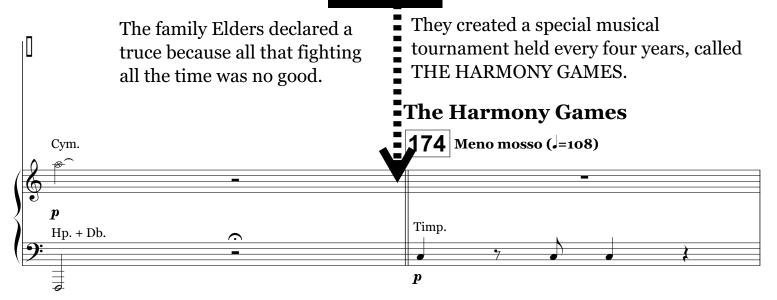
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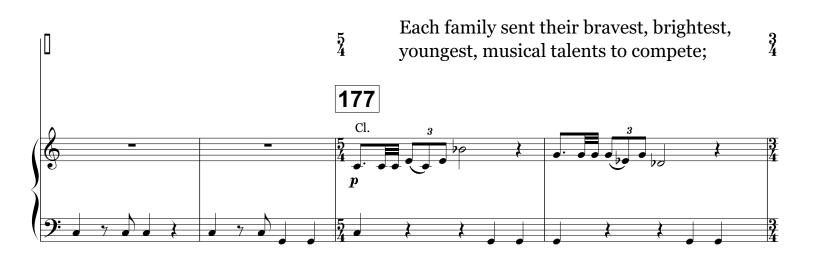
Until eventually everyone was so tired of constantly fighting that they all fell to the ground, exhausted.

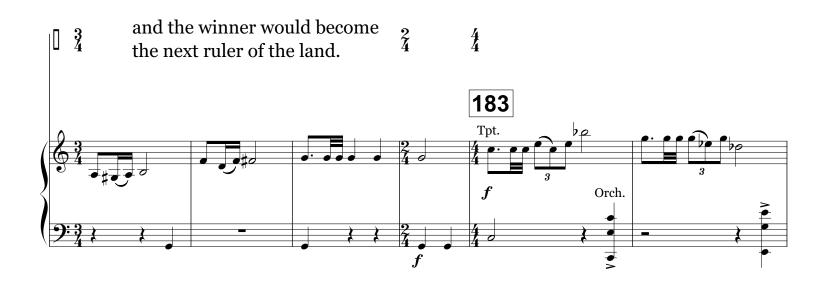


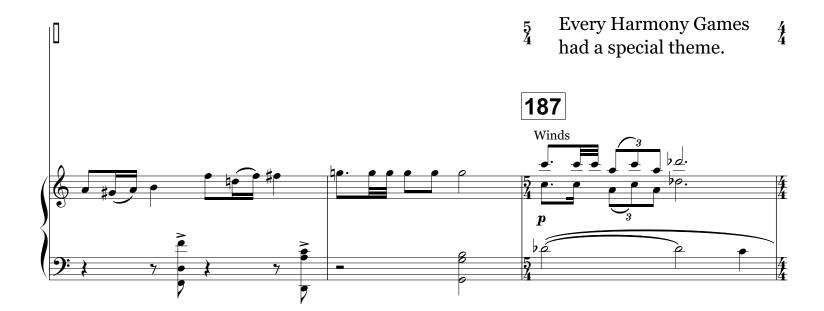


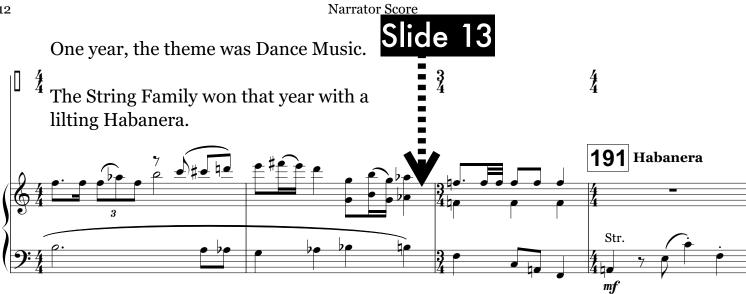
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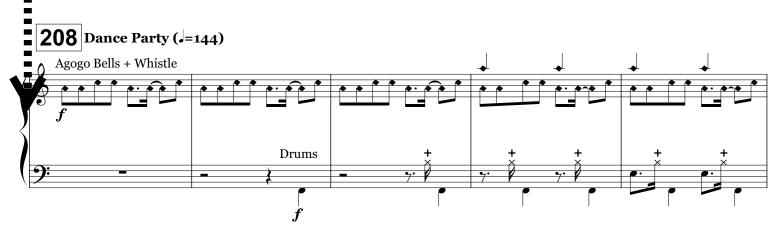




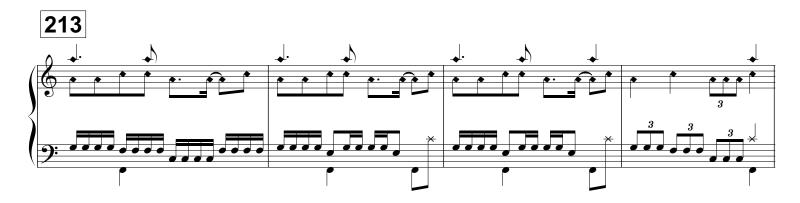


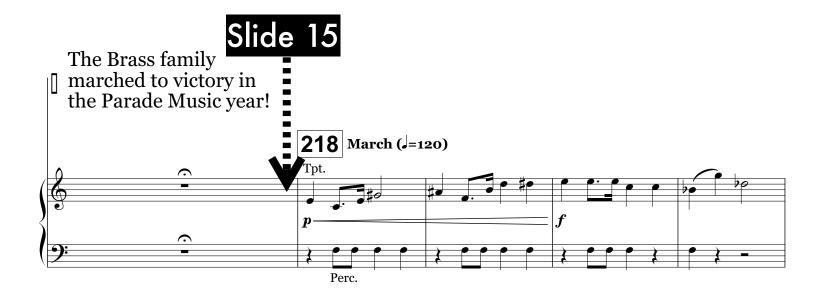






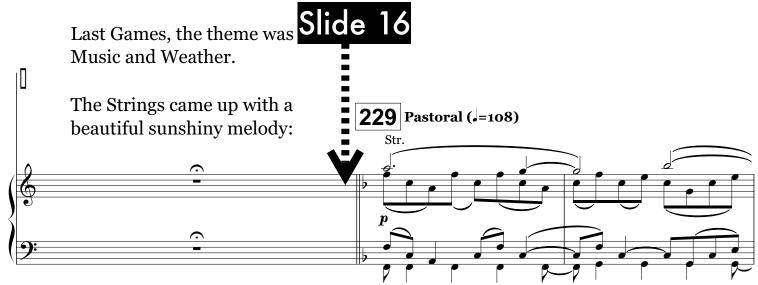
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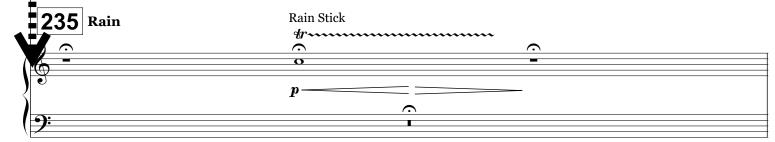




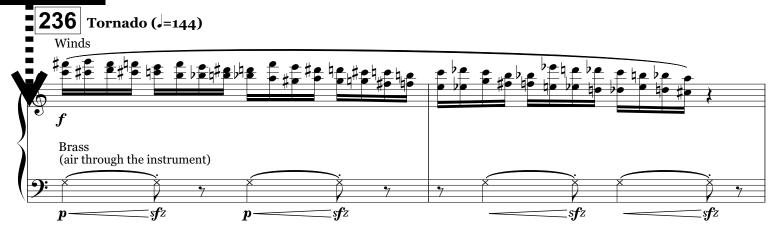
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The Percussion worked on a rainy number,

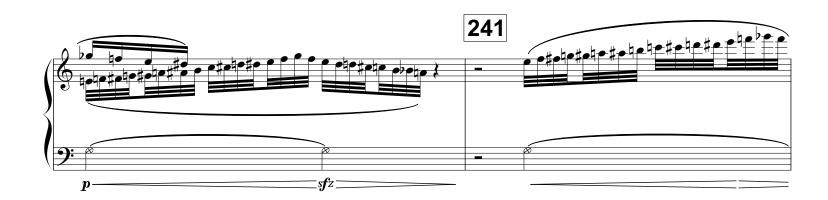
But the Woodwinds' tornado music literally blew everyone away.

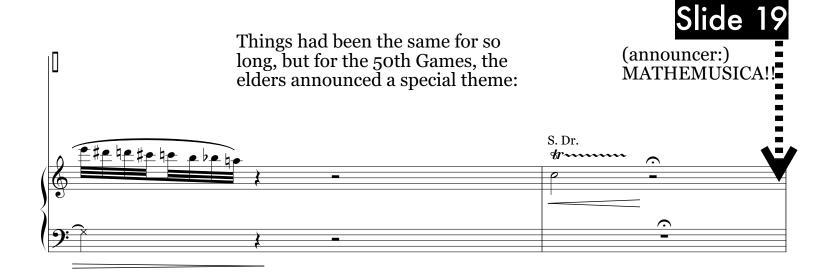


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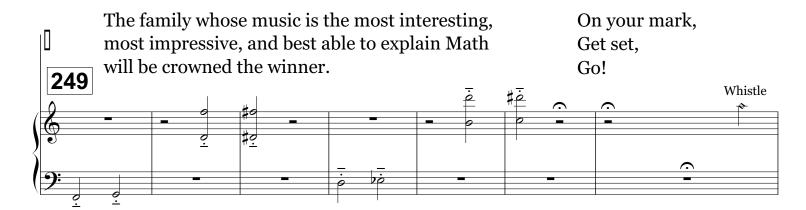










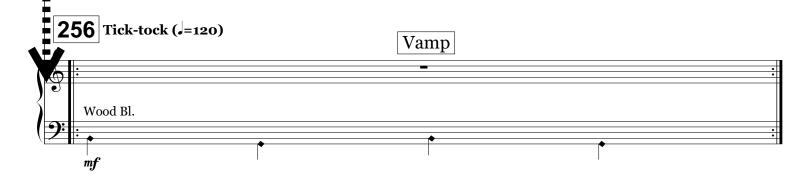


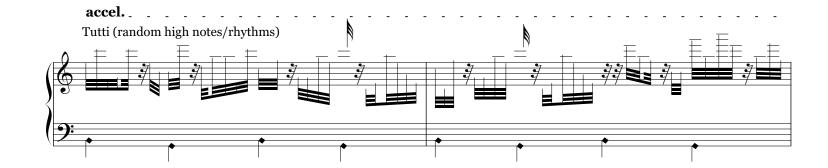
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The families were in a panic.

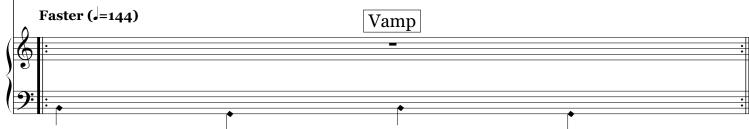
"What does music have to do with Math?" they asked each other.

"Math is Math. Music is Music! What should we do? What should we do?" Everyone started talking at once!

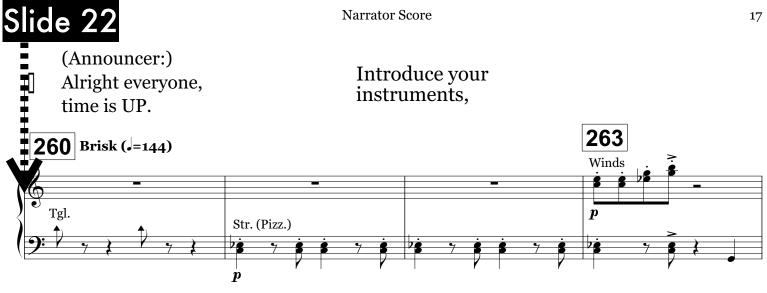


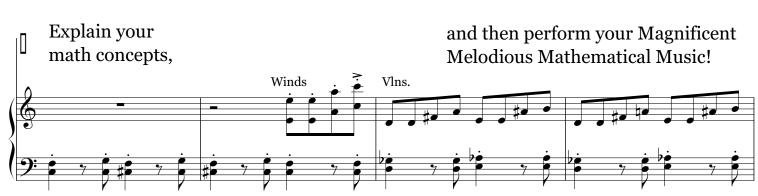


But quickly they settled down to work, focusing on their talents and unique musical skills, knowing they only had one hour to create the best piece of mathematical music to win!



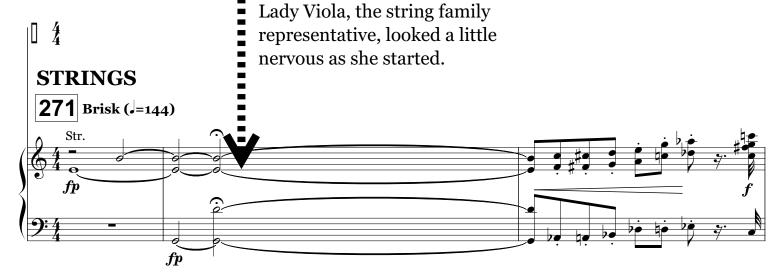


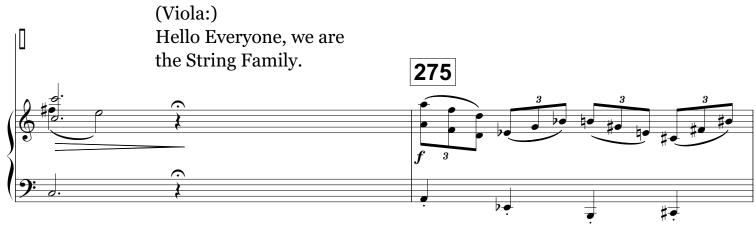


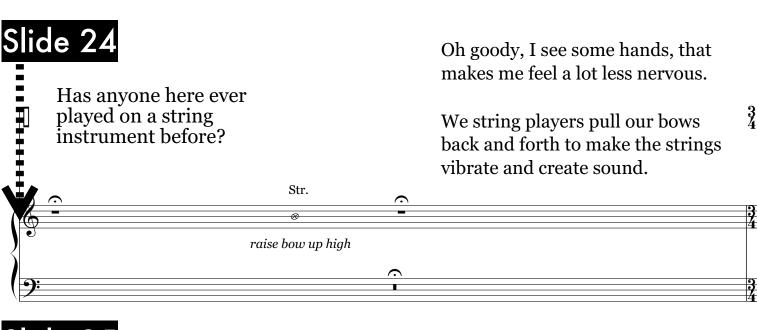


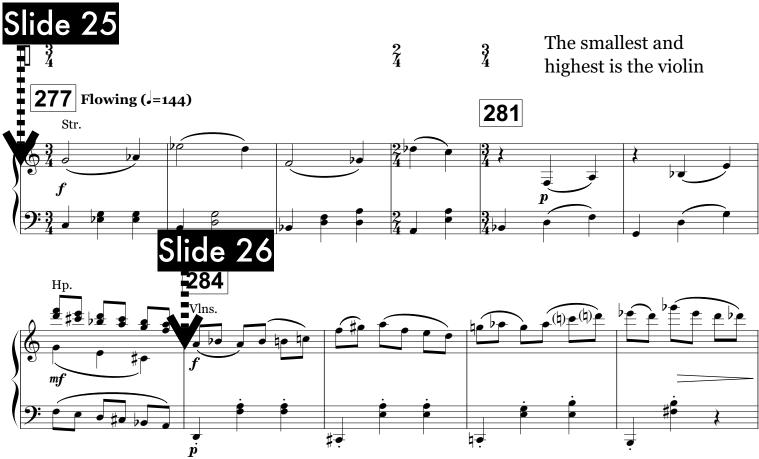


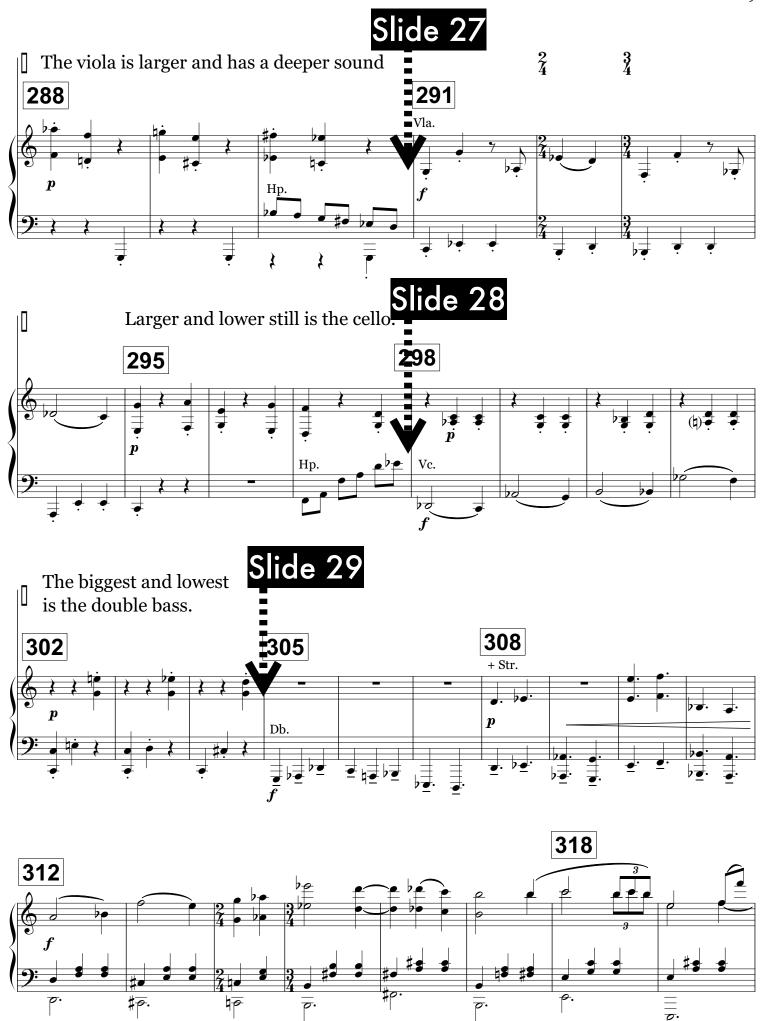
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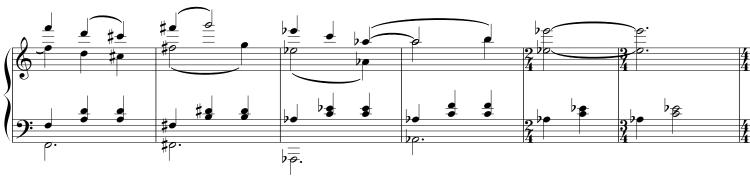


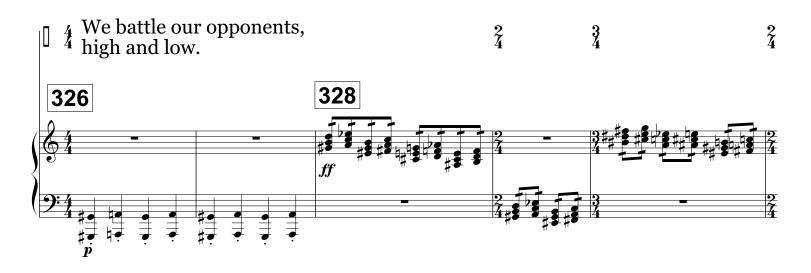


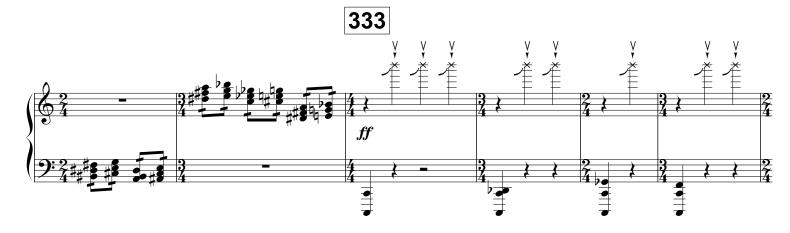


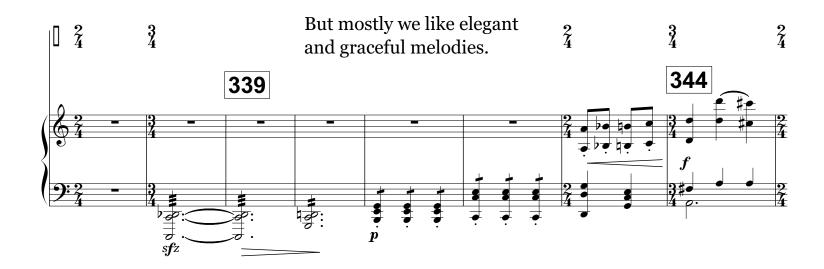






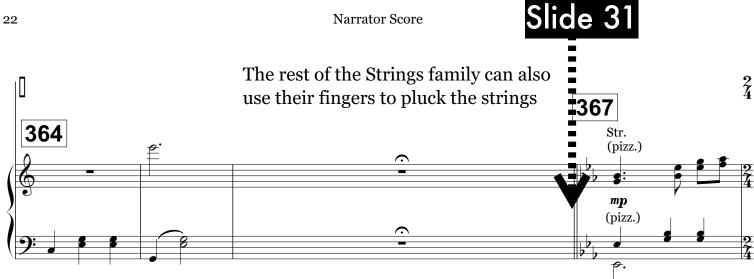




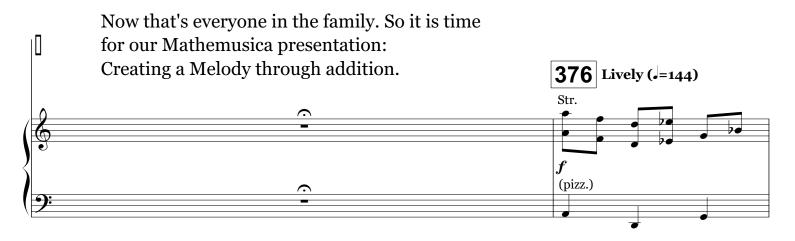


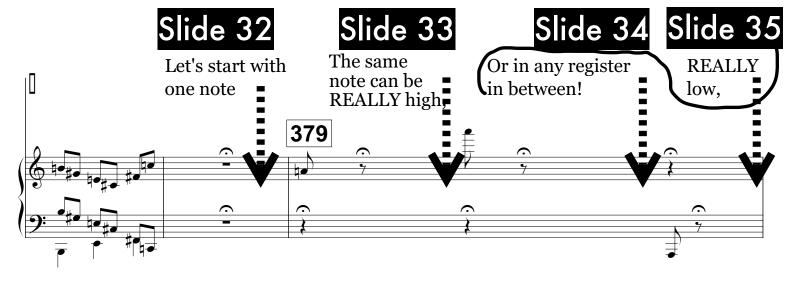




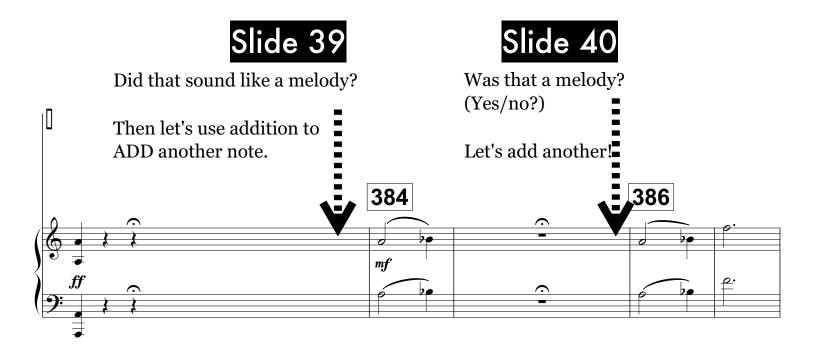


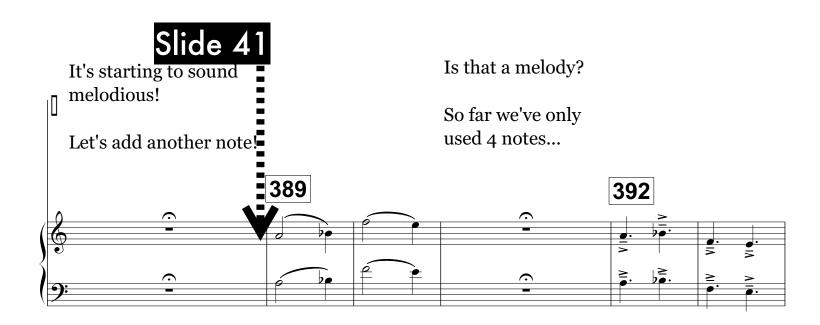












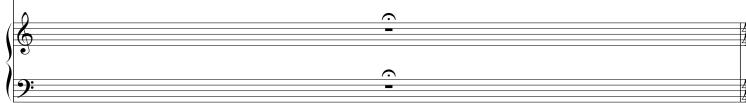
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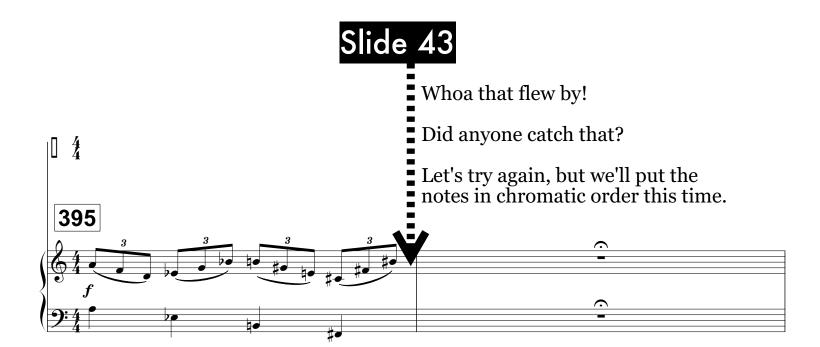
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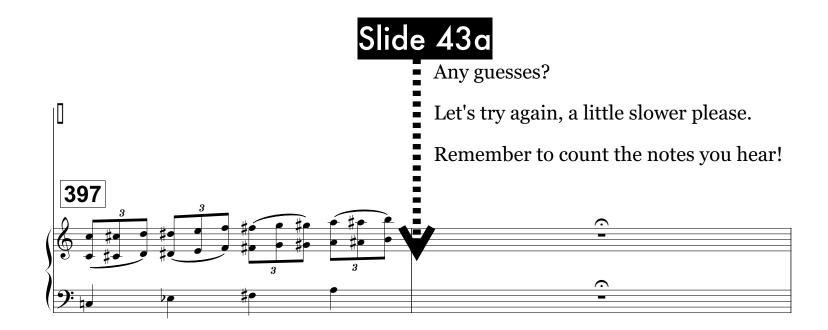
Does anyone know how many notes there are for us to use? Listen closely and see if you can count how many notes you hear!

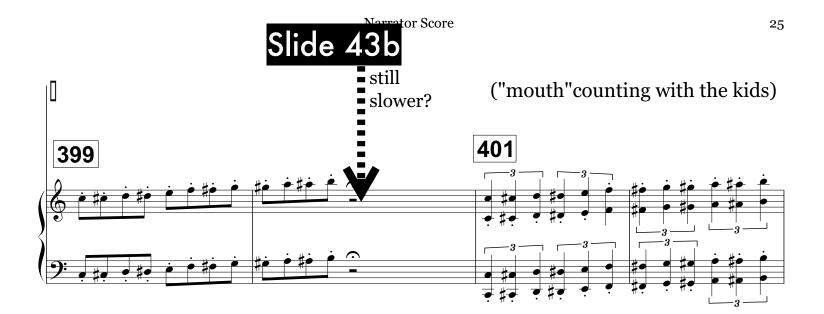
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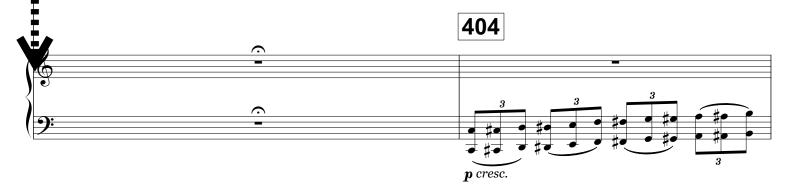


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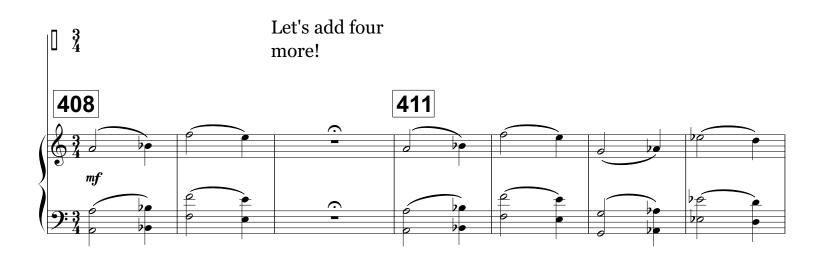
(If necessary: "How many notes did you hear?")

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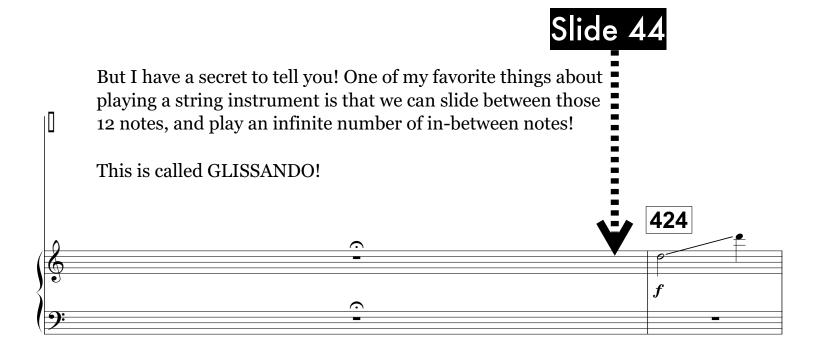
These 12 notes can appear in all registers from low to high!

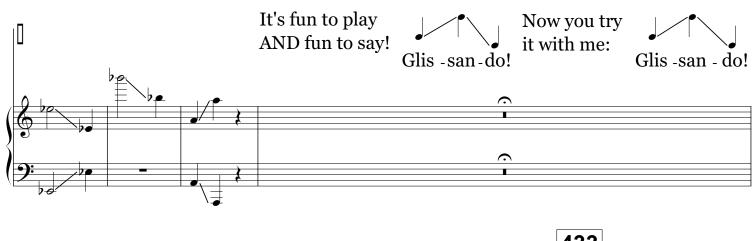


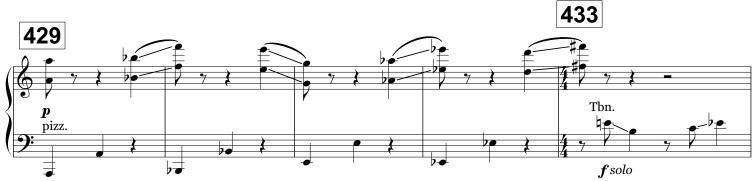


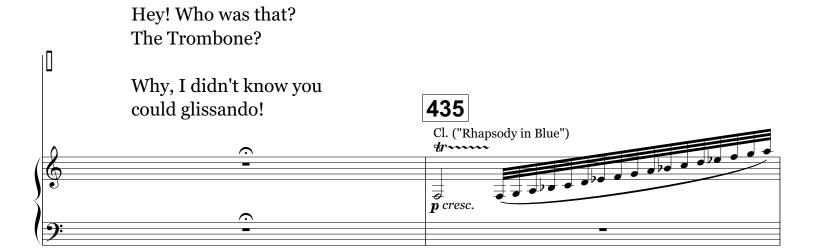


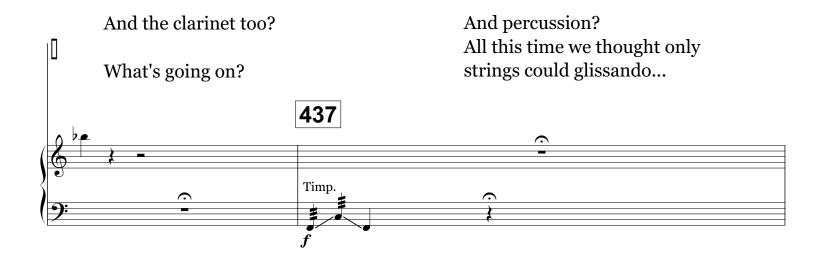




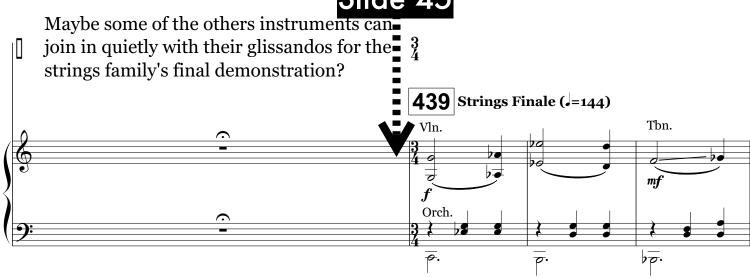


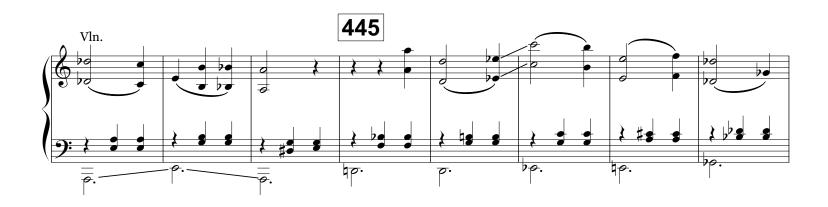




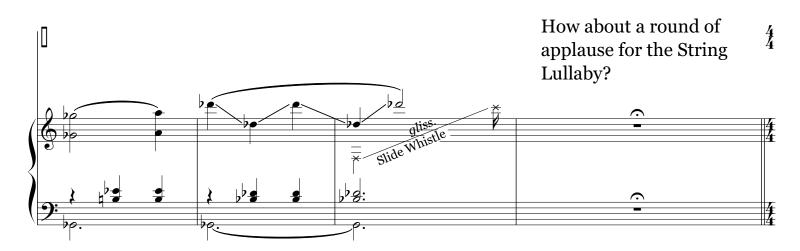








Exquisite!

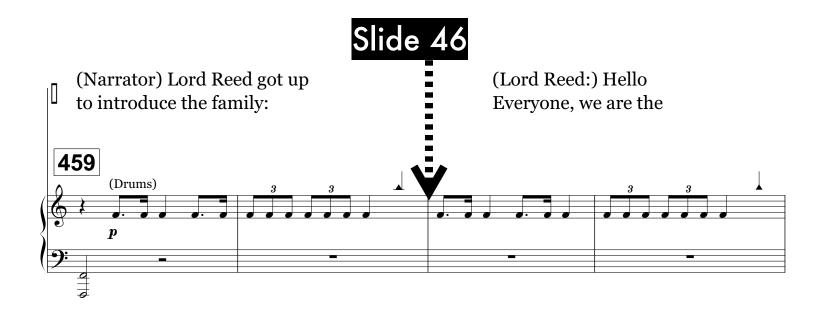


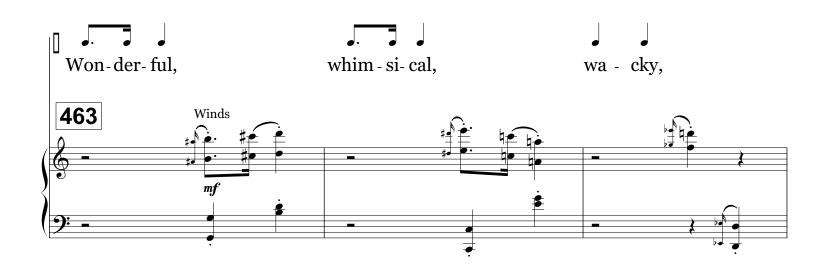
(Narrator:) The Elders were not pleased that other instruments joined in with the Strings, but at least no lasting harm seemed to be done...

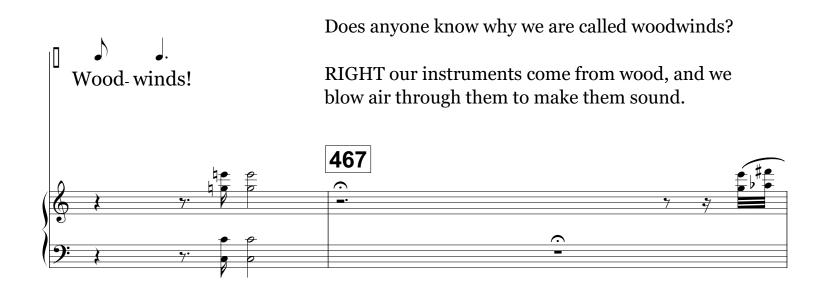
(Announcer:) Next up in the Harmony Games Mathematica Edition is the Woodwind Family!

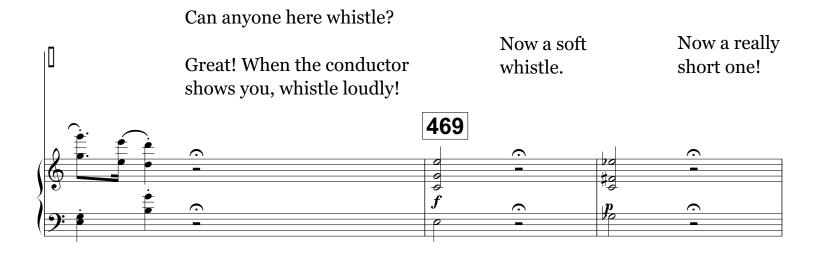




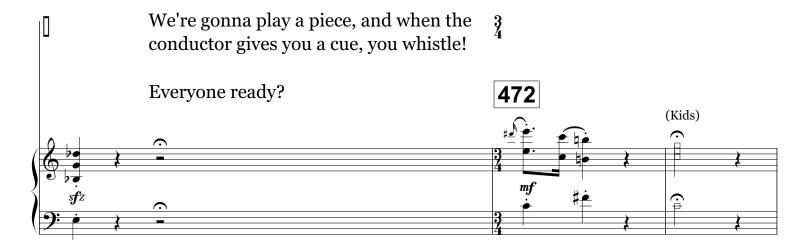




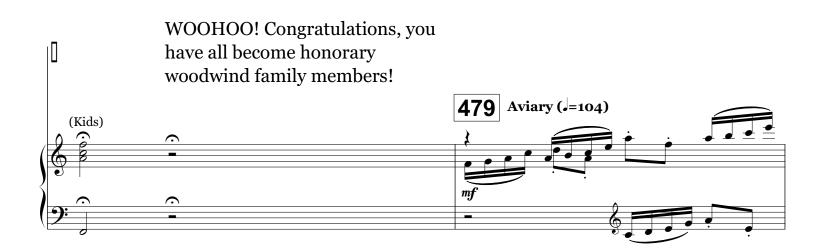




I think you are ready to join the Woodwind family...







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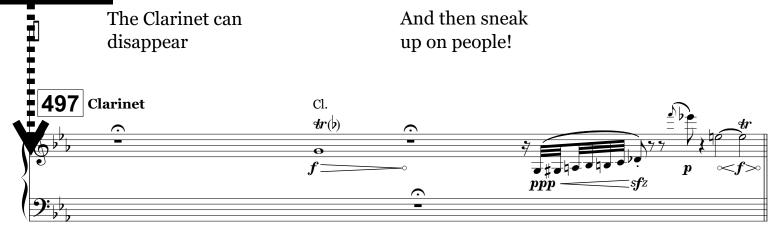


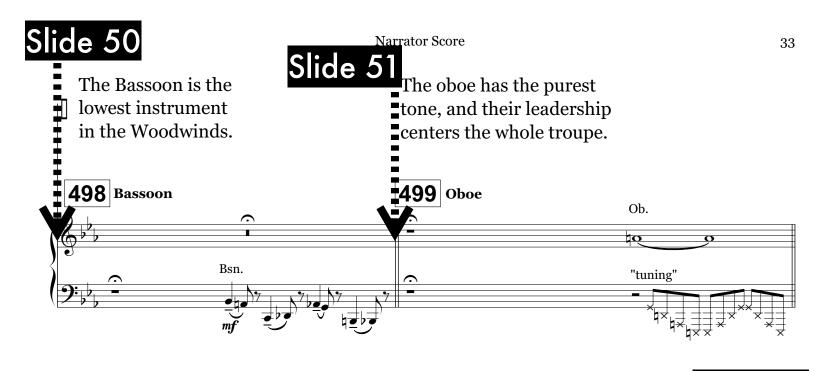
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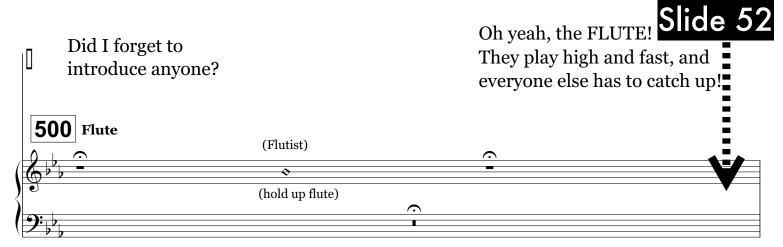


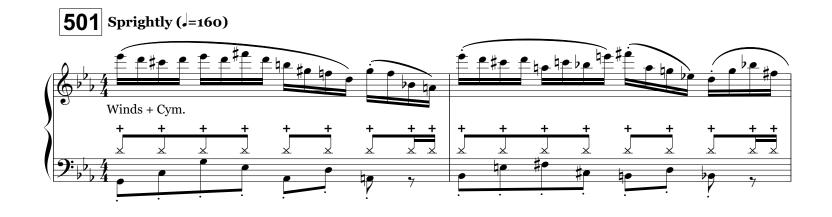


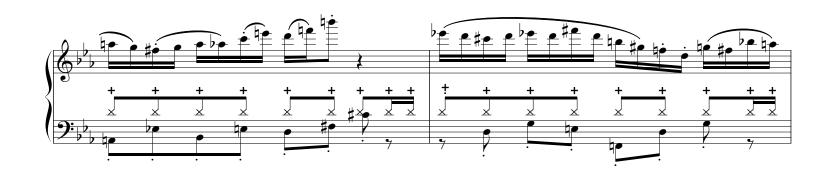
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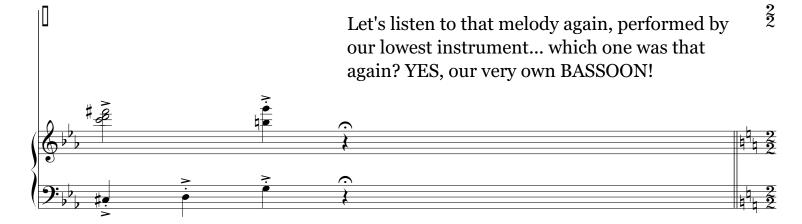






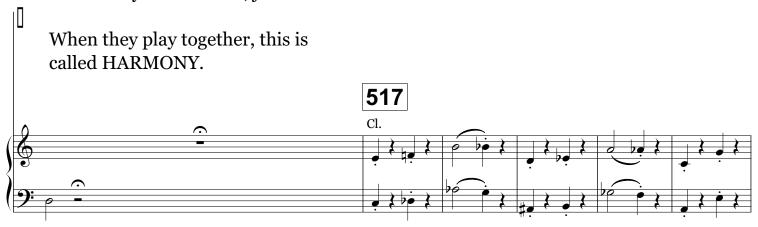


We all heard how the strings created a melody by adding 12 notes in sequence.

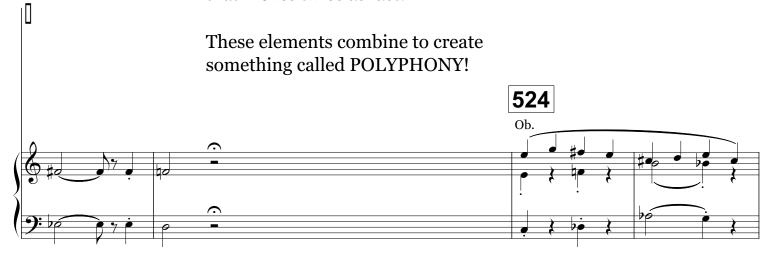




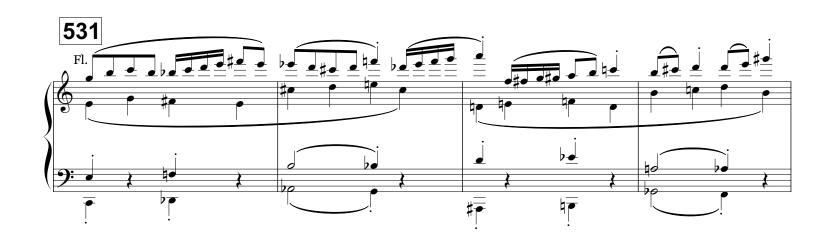
In the spirit of addition, let's add another layer... Clarinet, join in!



Now, how about some multiplication? Let's have the oboe add another layer that moves twice as fast!

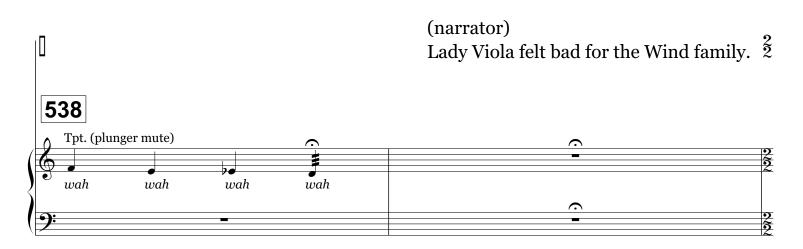


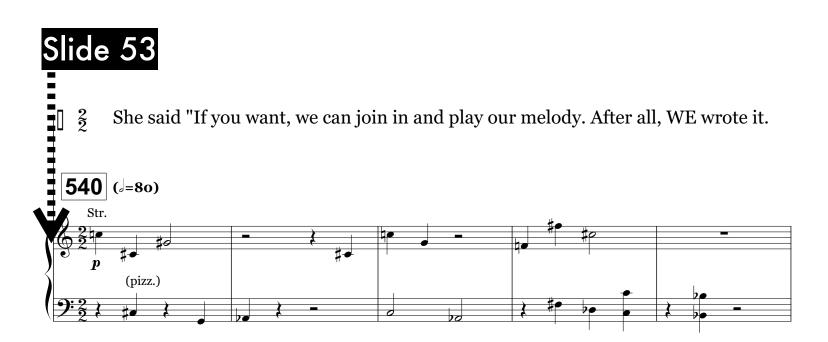




I love adding all these layers and speeds but, wait...



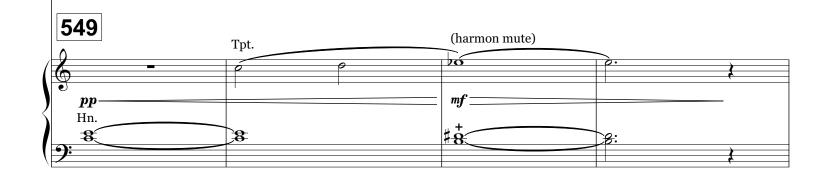




One of the percussionists said "The rhythm layer is really important, you'll definitely need us"



And the Brass didn't want to miss the chance to impress everyone either.



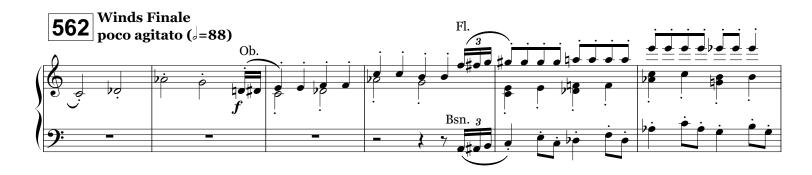
The Elders looked confused at all this cooperation between rival families.



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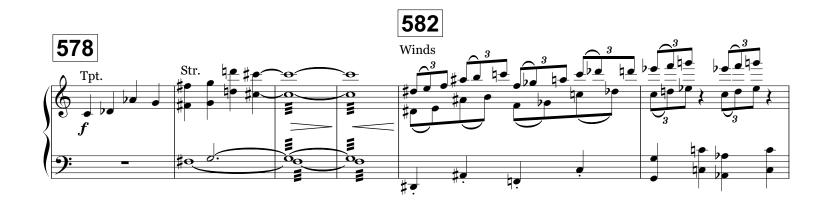
But before they could say anything, Lord Reed had accepted the help and everyone started playing the Woodwinds' music!





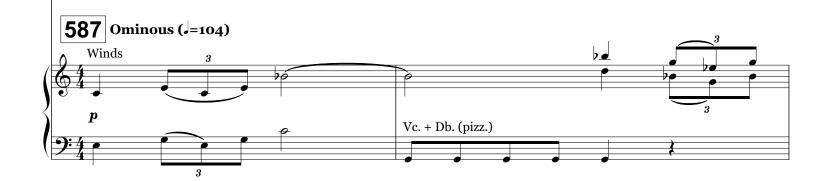






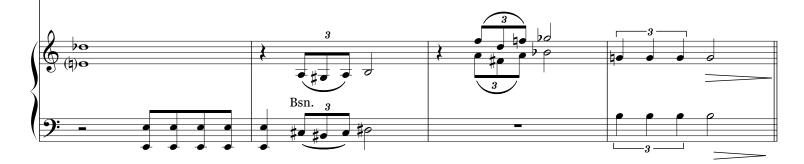


While the Woodwinds were congratulating themselves, the 44 Elders were getting more and more flustered.



What was the big idea? Mixing all these instruments and families together? This would simply lead to no good.

As they muttered to themselves, the next competitor stood up:

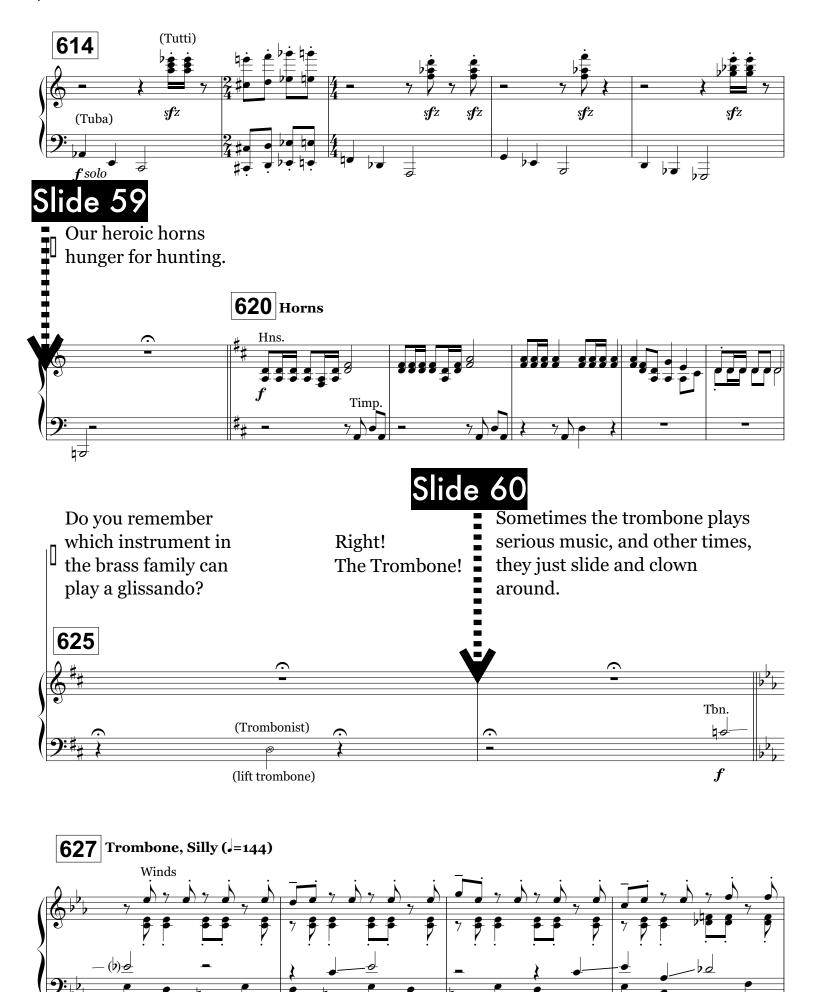


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Good day everyone! I am Kween Kornet, and I'd like to begin with a Fabulous Fanfare!









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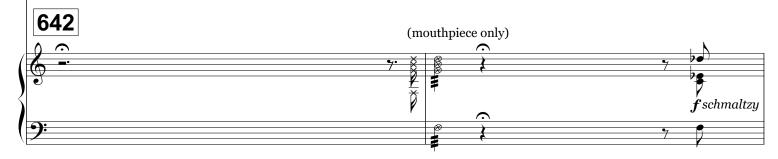


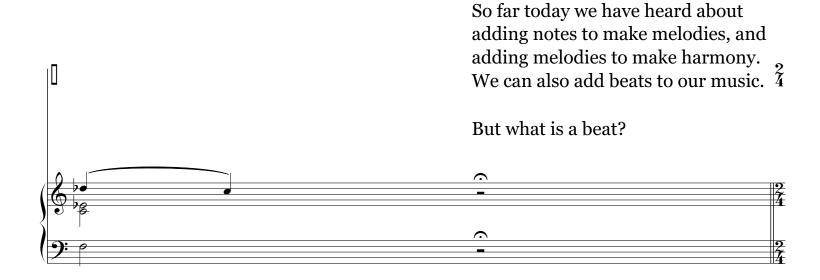
How do we make our instruments sound beautiful?

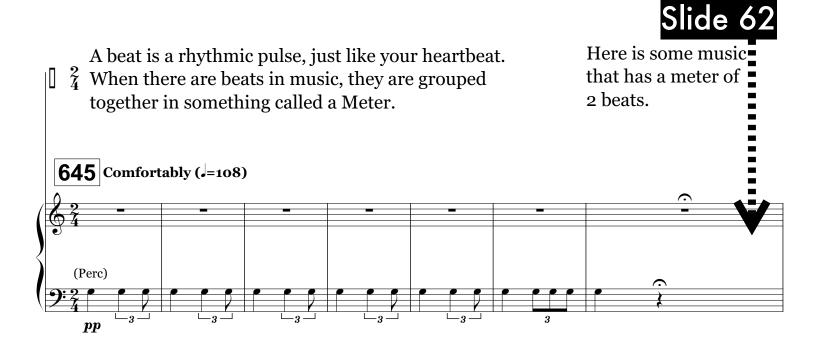
Like the Woodwinds, we use air, but we don't blow it through the instruments, we have to buzz our lips on our mouthpieces.

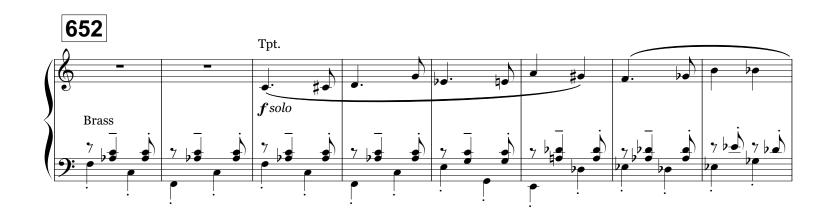
Can we all buzz our lips together?

Awesome, clearly you are all meant to be brass players when you grow up.













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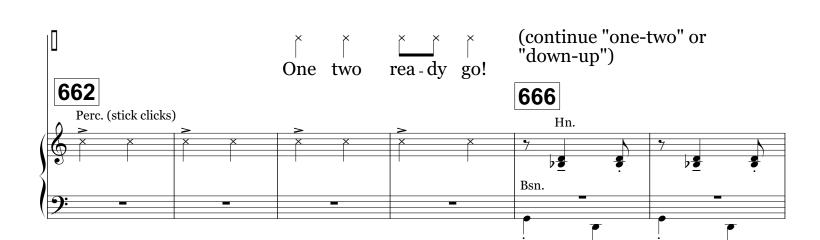
Let's conduct along with the music and we'll feel the beats even stronger.

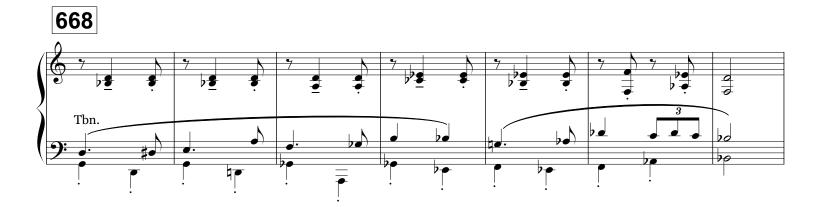
Here's how we conduct in Two:

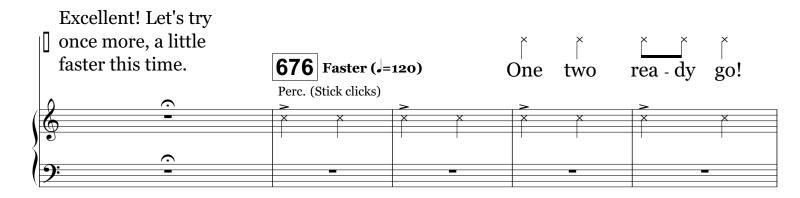
Down! Up! Down Up! One! Two! One Two!

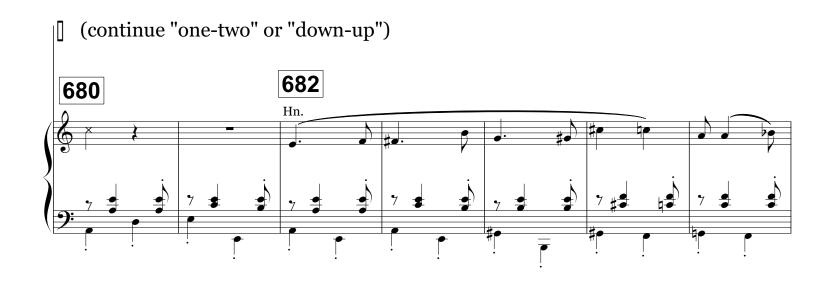
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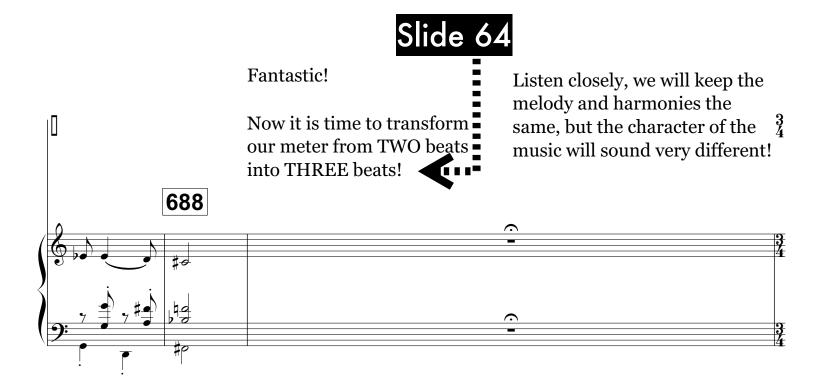
Now let's try it with music. Can I have some beats please?

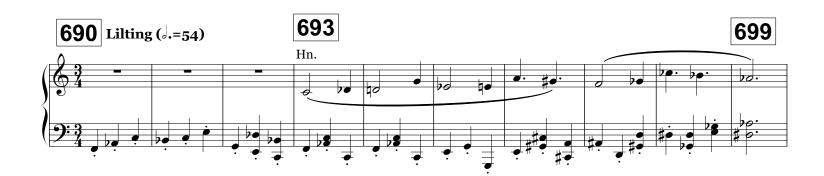


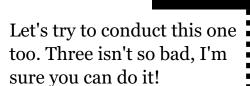










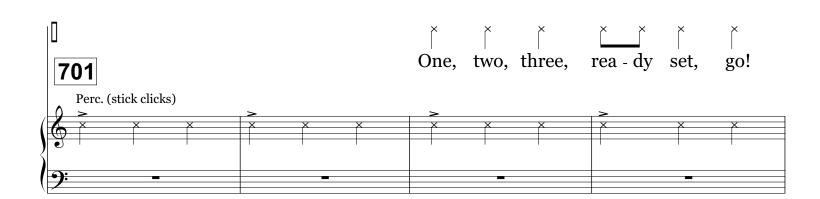


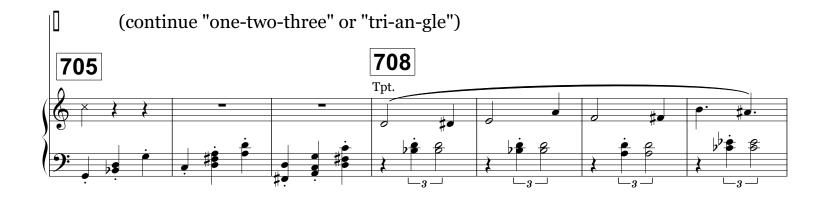
Watch my hands, and we'll make a triangle:

Down-right-up, etc: One, two, three! One, two, three!

Let's practice together! One, two, three! One, two three! Excellent, now with the music!

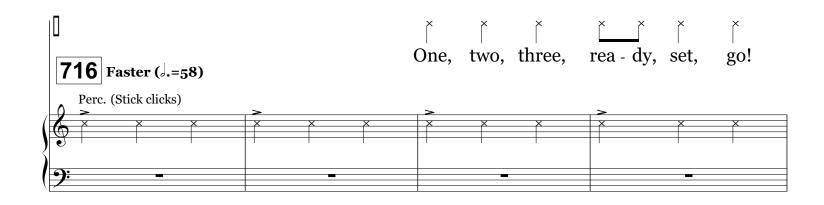
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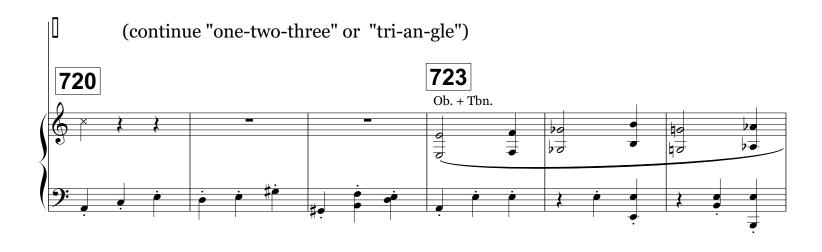




That was super, shall we try one more time, a little faster?

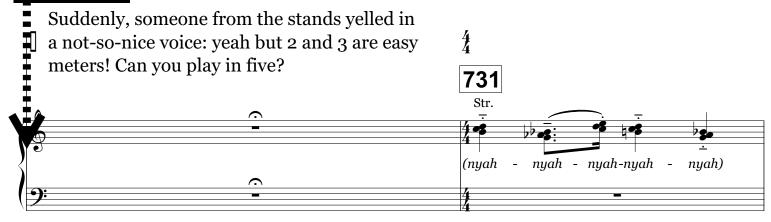




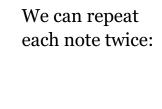




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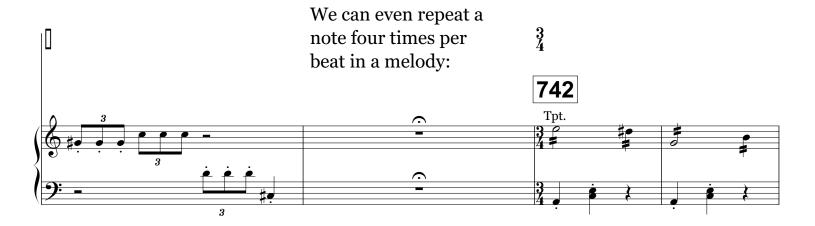
Immediately, the Brass Family got very nervous! Five is tricky! How do you play in five?



Kween Kornet said: We can figure this out. Let's take some notes:







But how do we play in Five?



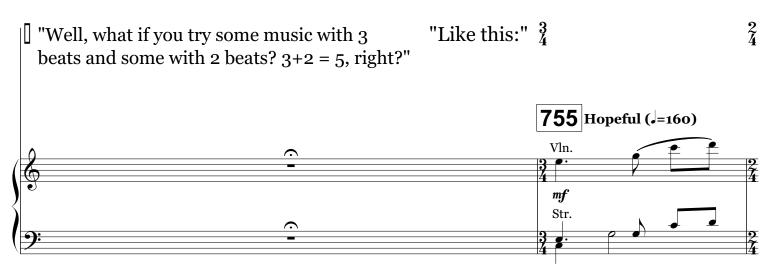
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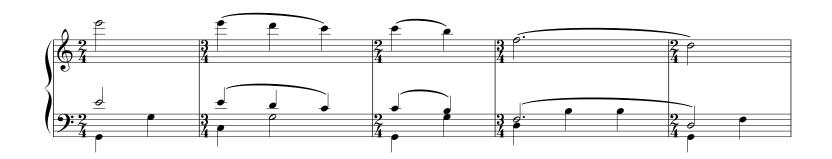
Suddenly, the other 4 families started feeling bad for the Brass.

It was a competition after all, and in good spirit, the other families wanted everyone to compete at their best.



Lady Viola spoke up:





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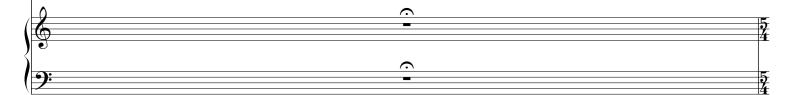
Wow, that's neat... but seems complicated!

Maybe it would help if everyone conducted with us? First we need three beats, which is a triangle, right? And then we need two beats, which is down up.

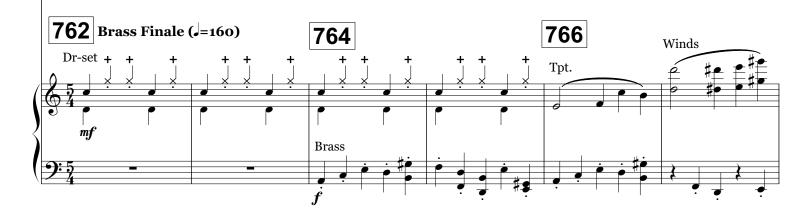
Let's try together slowly:

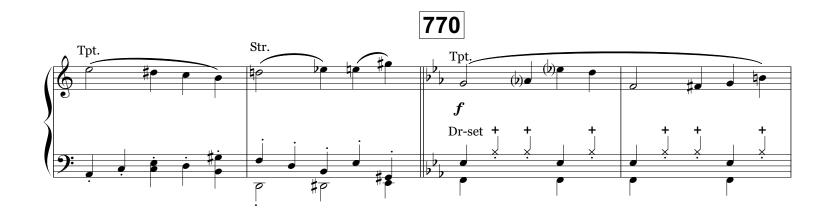
One, Two, Three, Down, Up! One, Two, Three, Down, Up! Tri-an-gle-down-up, Tri-an-gle-down-up!

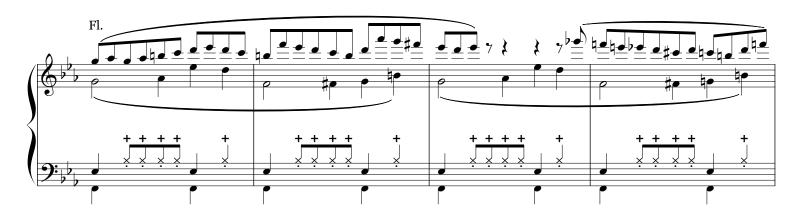
Excellent, let's lead the Brass in their final presentation: music in FIVE! Ready, Set, GO!

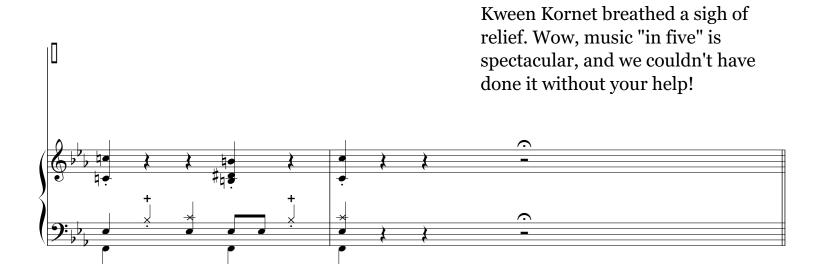


$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ (Help the kids: conduct and say: tri-an-gle-Down-Up, or 1-2-3-4-5)







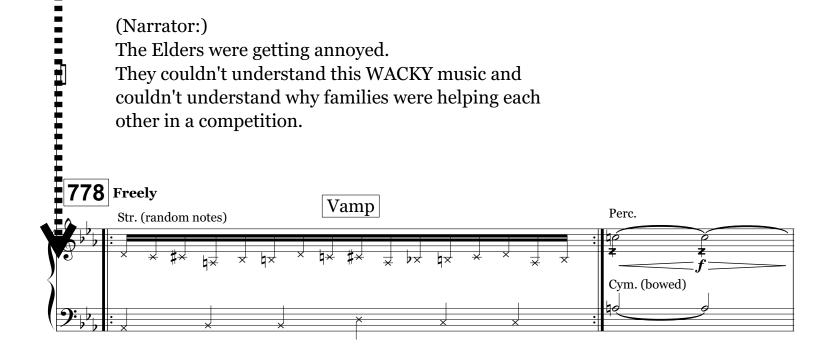


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(Narrator:)

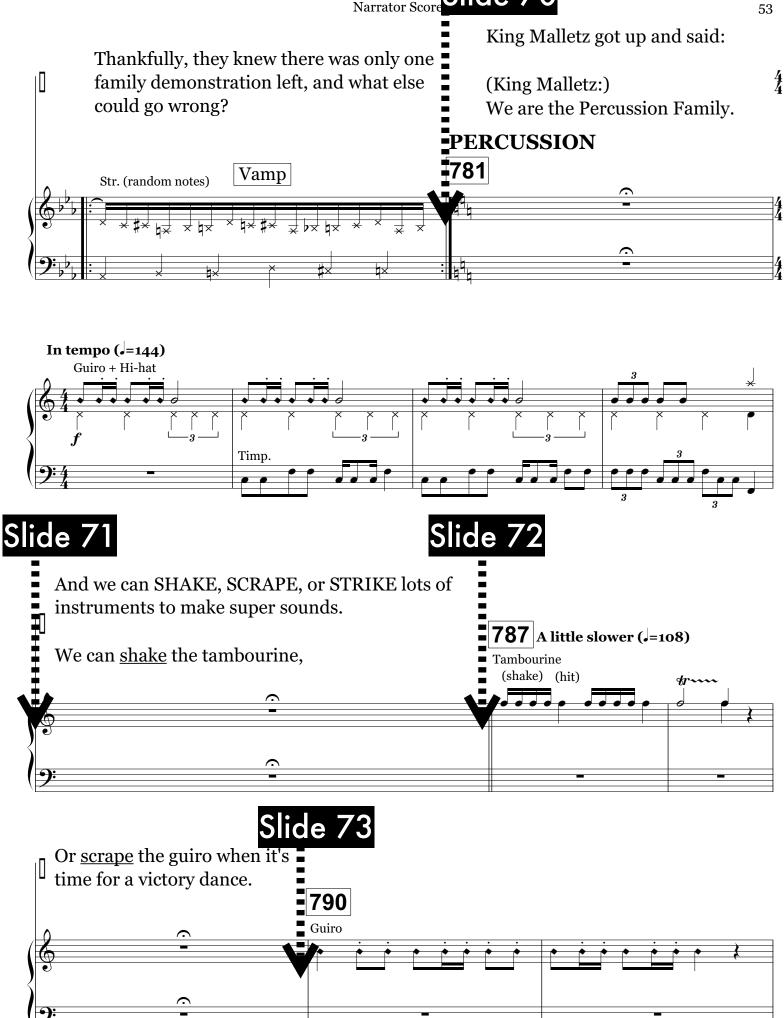
The Elders were getting annoyed.

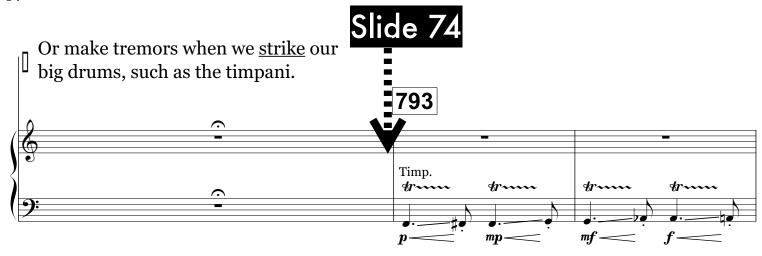
They couldn't understand this WACKY music and couldn't understand why families were helping each other in a competition.

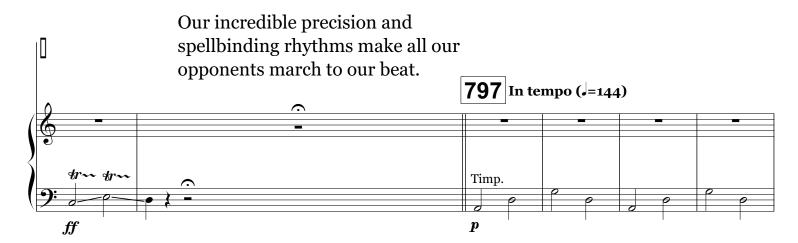














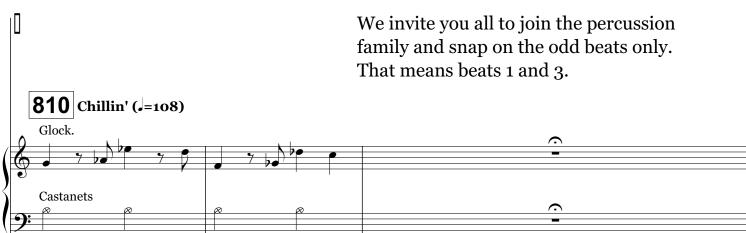
I bet this room is full of secret percussionists...

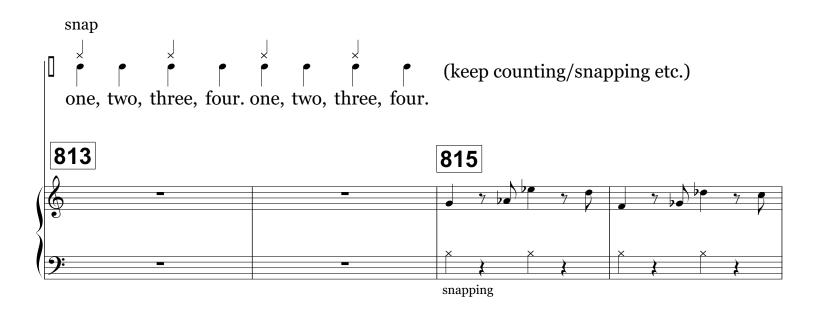
Can you think of something you could strike with your hands?
That's right, clapping!

Ok, now listen to this musical phrase:

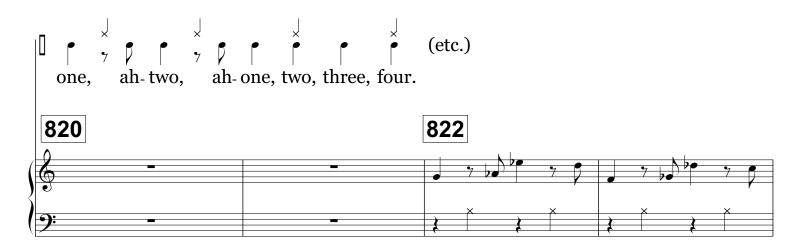
It has four beats to the bar.

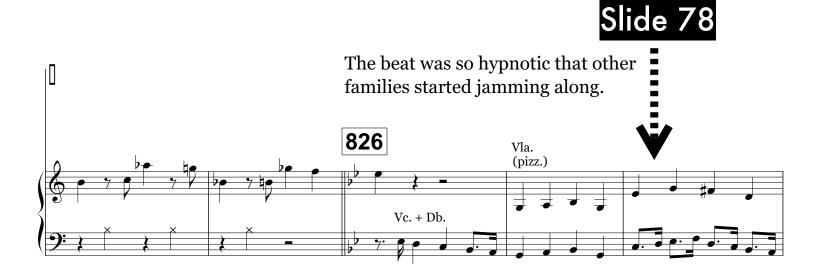




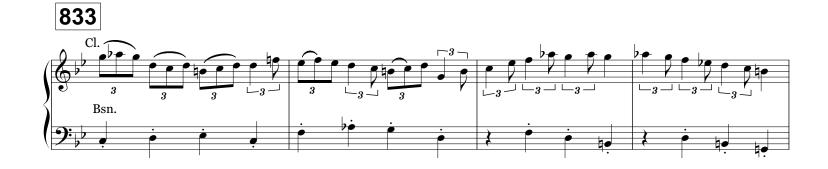




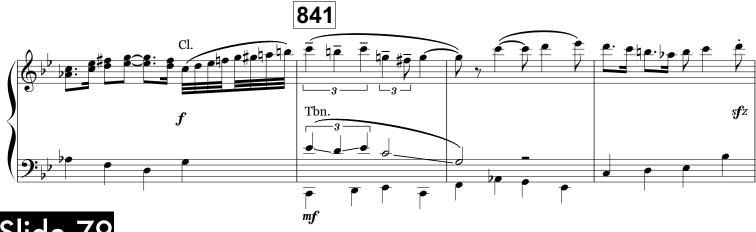










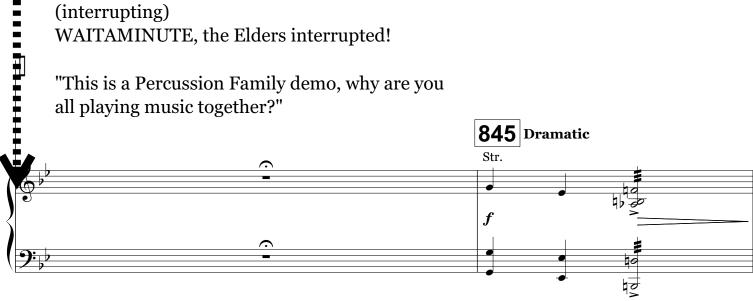


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(interrupting)

WAITAMINUTE, the Elders interrupted!

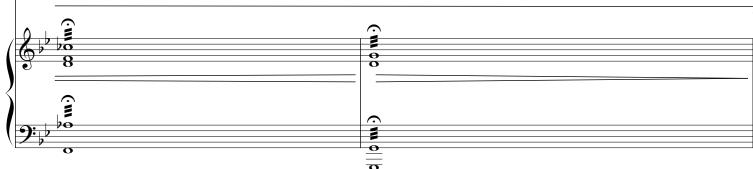
"This is a Percussion Family demo, why are you all playing music together?"

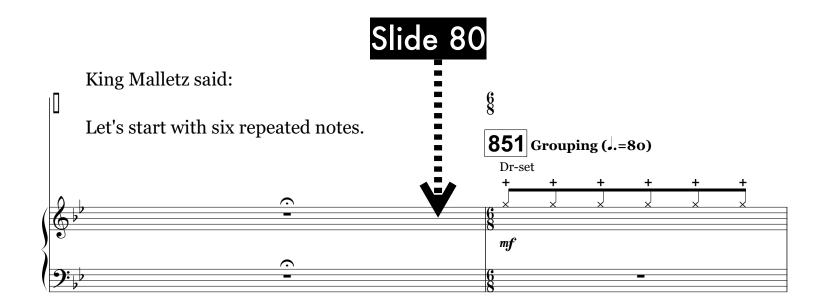


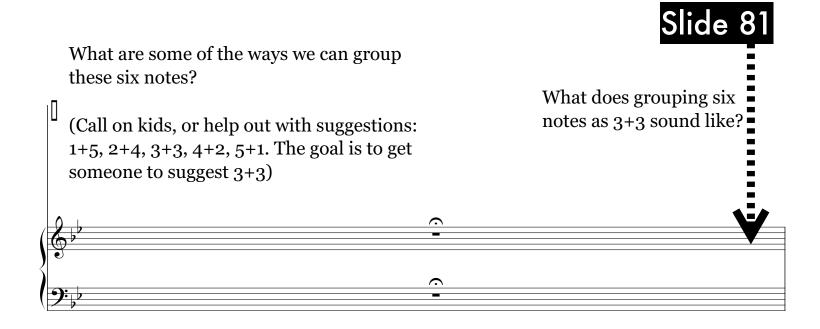
"We've kept the peace for so many "I think we have had quite enough of years because we have kept this dangerous fraternizing between families today." everything separate!" sul pont. -20) -00 o

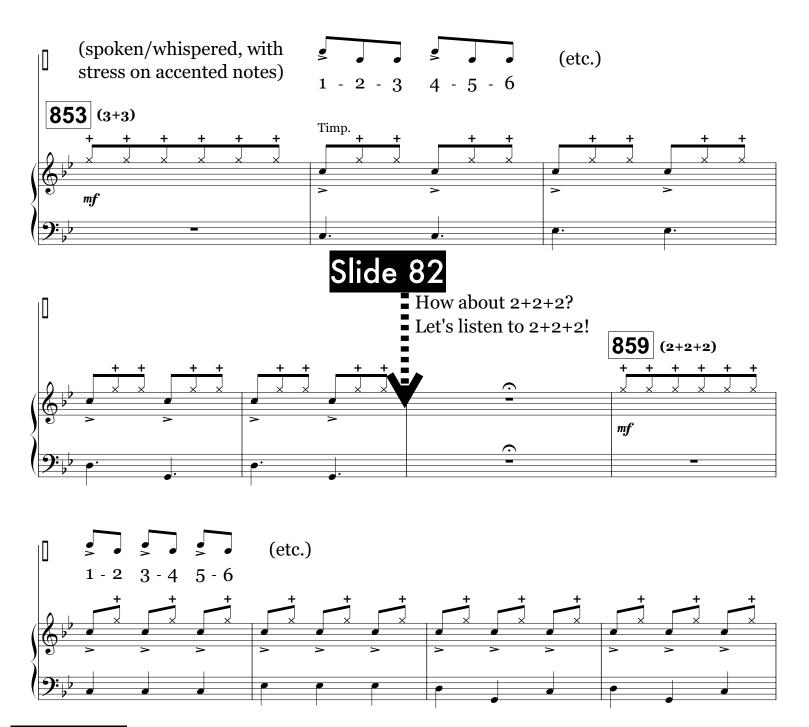
"Percussion, please continue, you only have two minutes left and we expect more from you."

Quickly, the percussion family glanced at their notes, and decided they had time for one last Mathemusica demonstration.

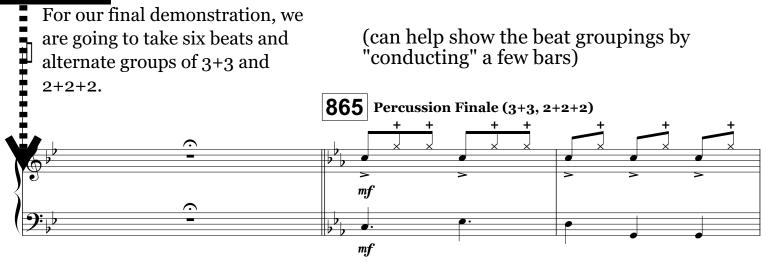


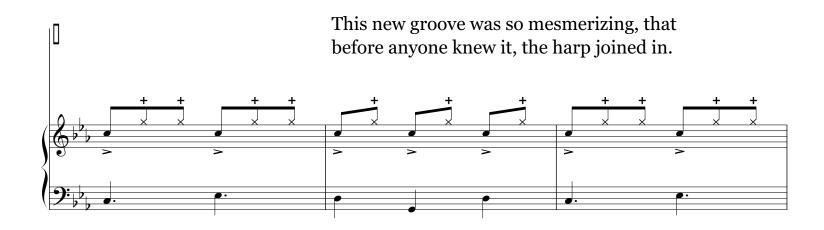


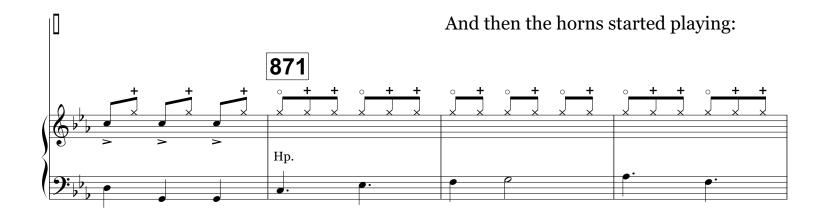


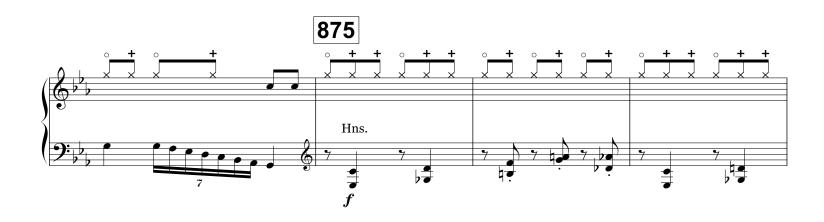


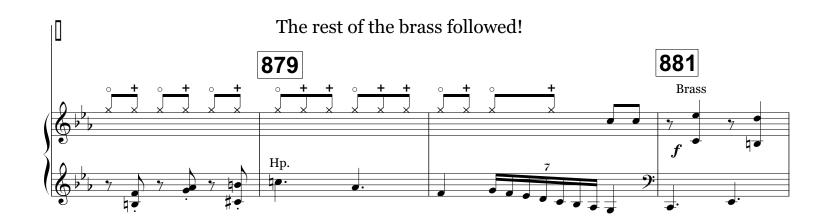
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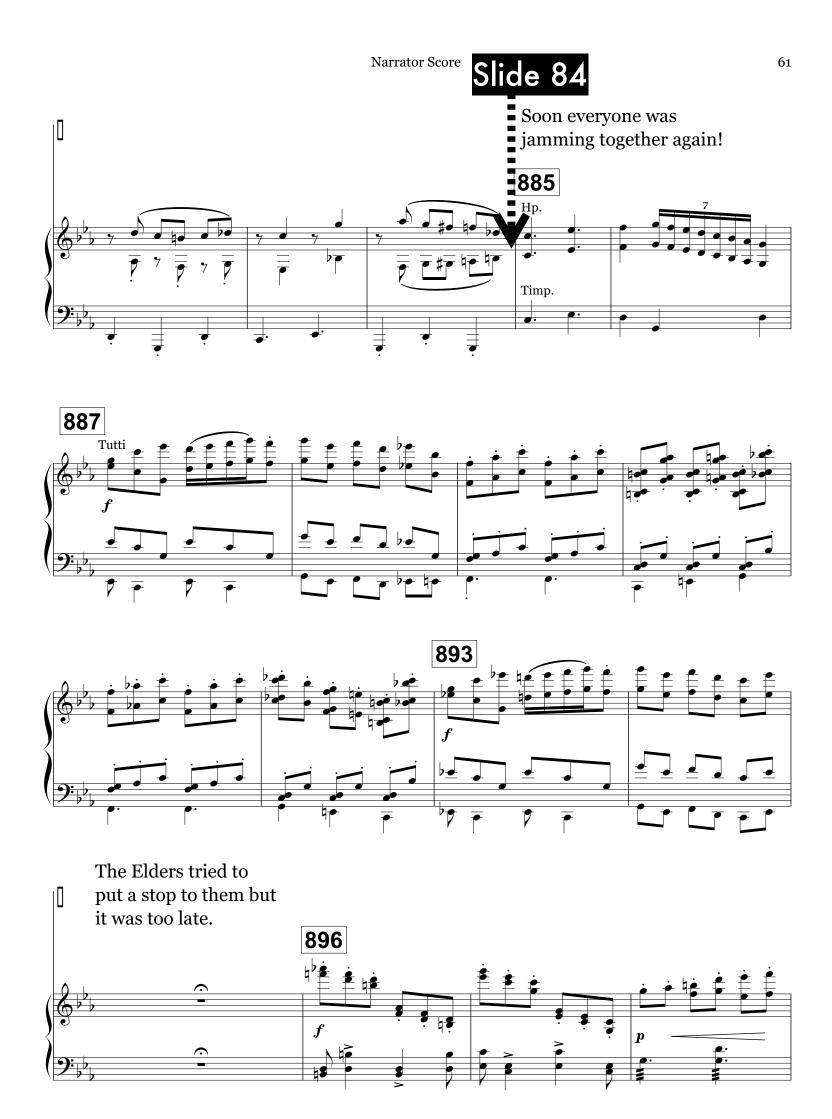


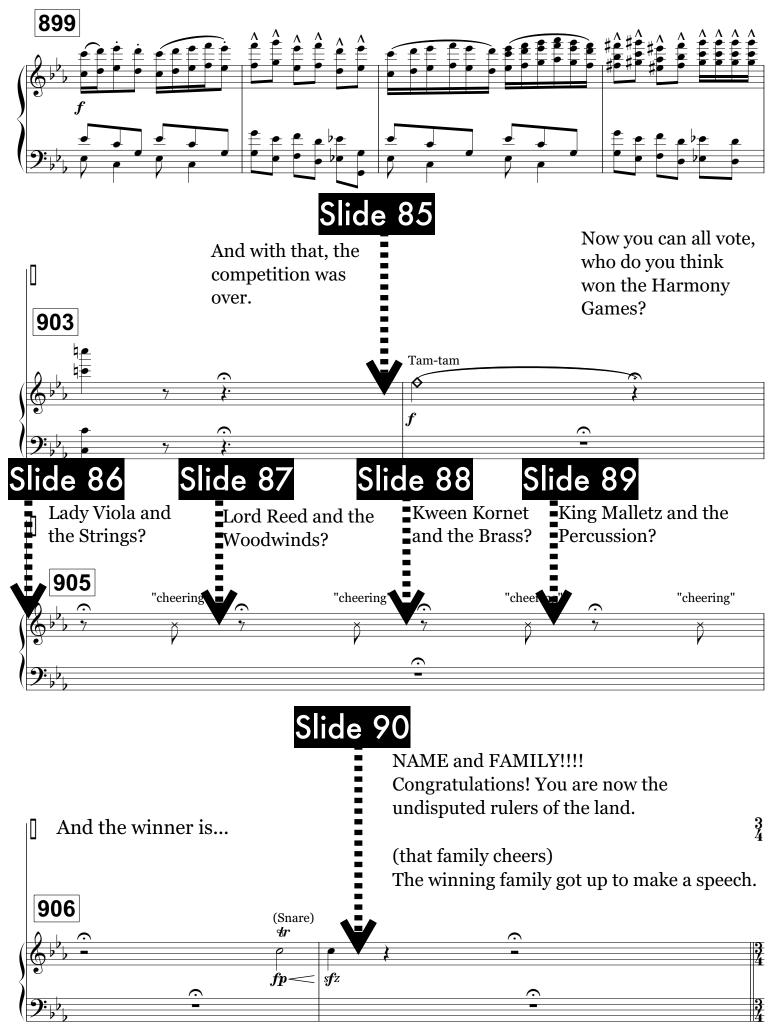


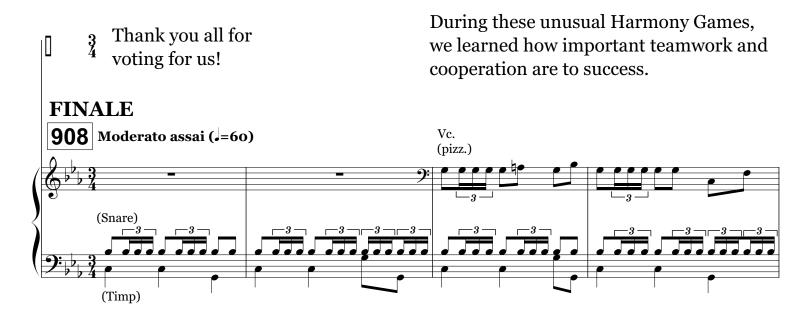


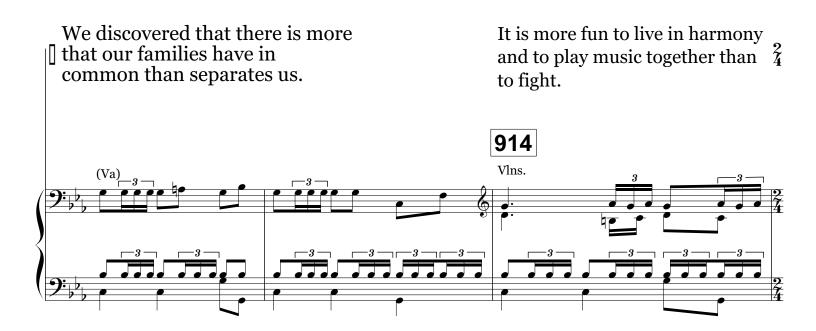


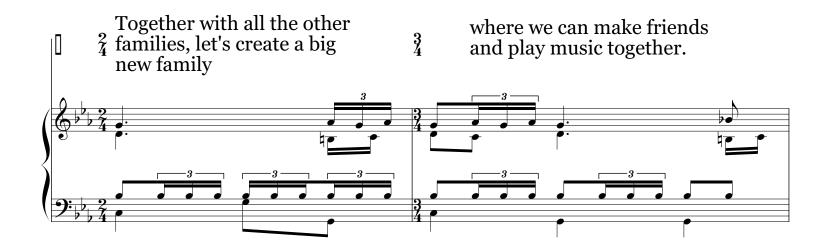


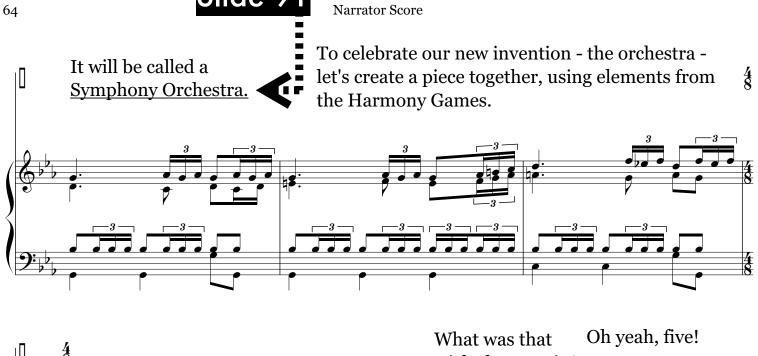




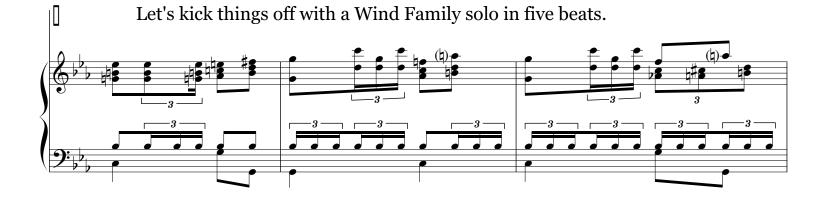


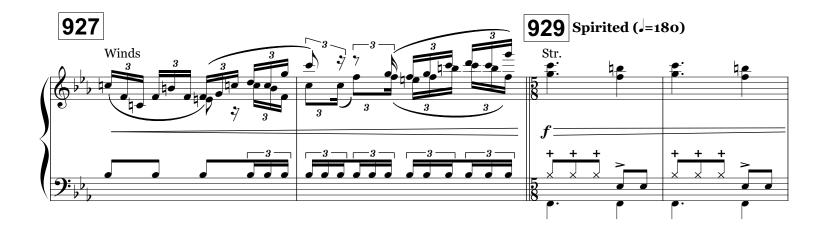


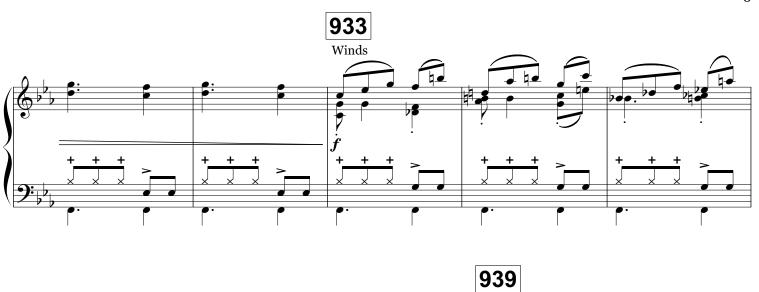




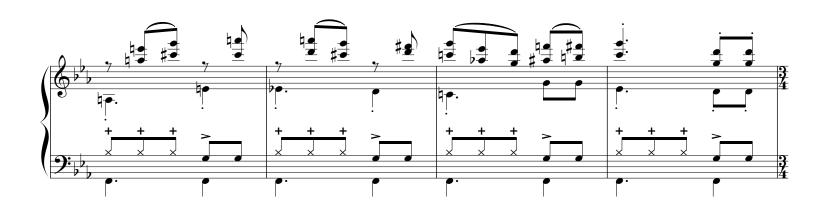


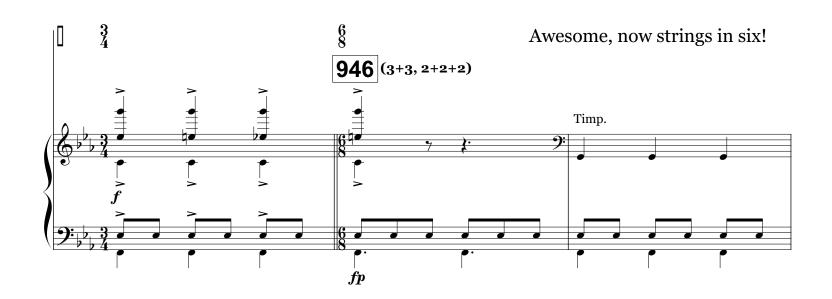




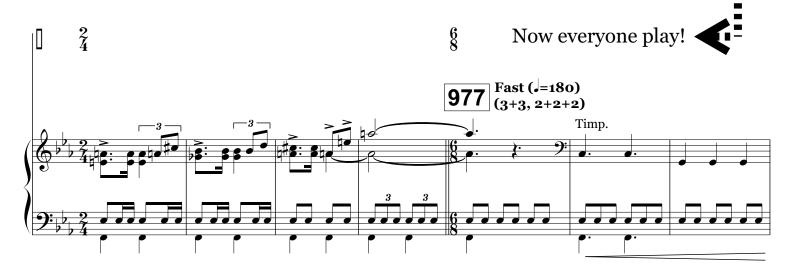


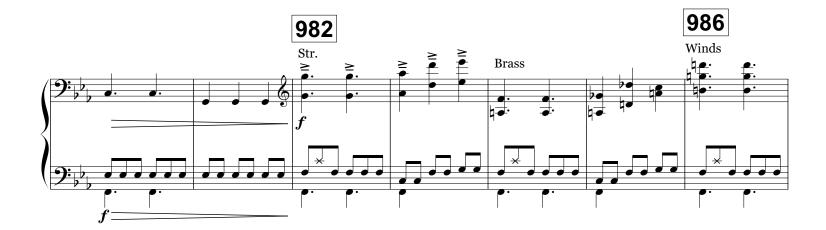


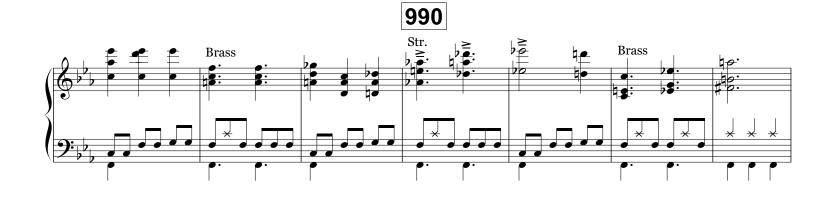


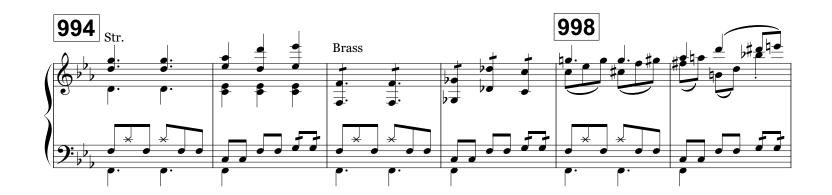


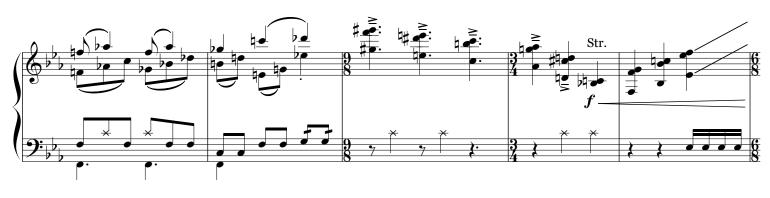


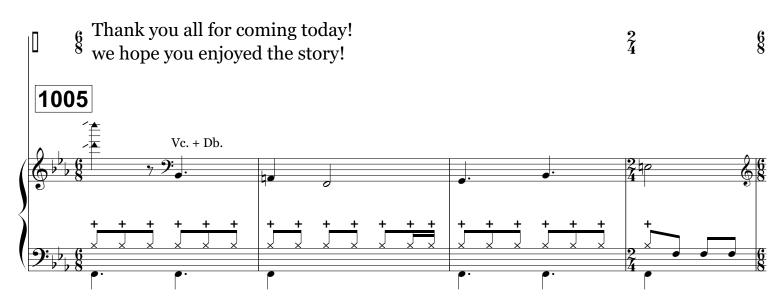


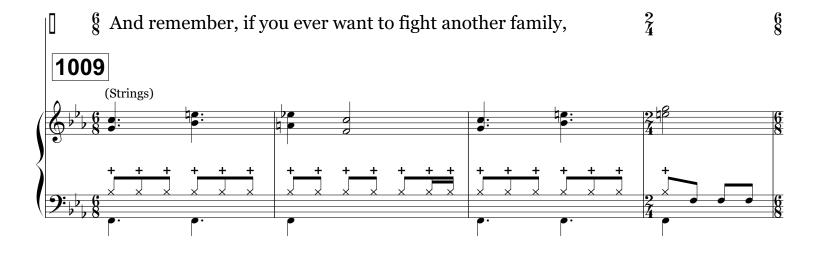


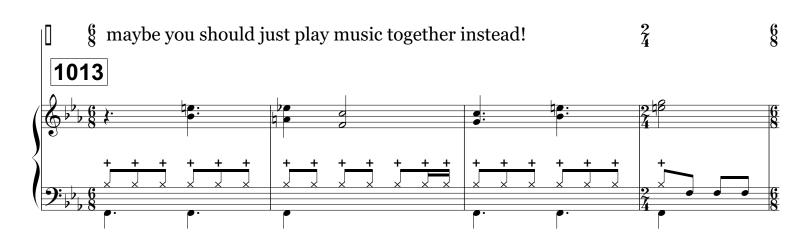














Guided Q & A

(Narrator:)

What did you think of the performance by your ORCHESTRA, did you like it? Now let's see if you were listening carefully...

Who won the Harmony Games?

And what was a big lesson they learned about cooperating with other families?

We heard a lot about how math and music can be related today. What are some ways you can use addition in music?

Excellent!

Now here to tell us more about our ORCHESTRA is our conductor, NAME.

I. INTRO

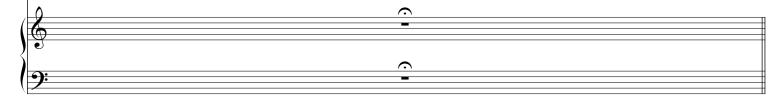


(Conductor:)

Thanks, NARRATOR!

Hi Everyone!I'm so glad we got to share the legend of the first Symphony Orchestra with you today.

Family was a very important part of our story, so let's see if we can remember all the families that make up an orchestra.

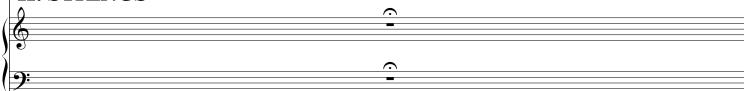


Which family is sitting up here in front, closest to you?

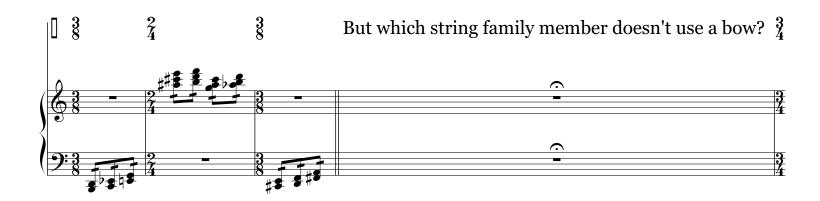
Strings, right! Made up of violins, violas, cellos and basses.

Does anyone remember what string players need to pull back and forth to make the strings vibrate? The bow!

II. STRINGS







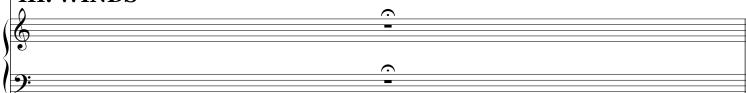


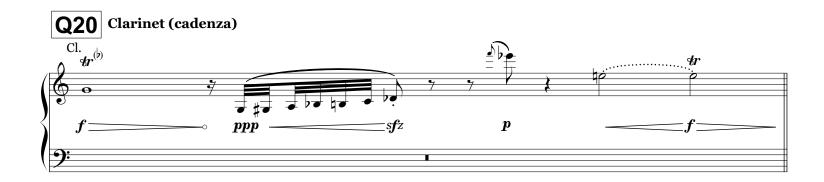
Thank you Strings!

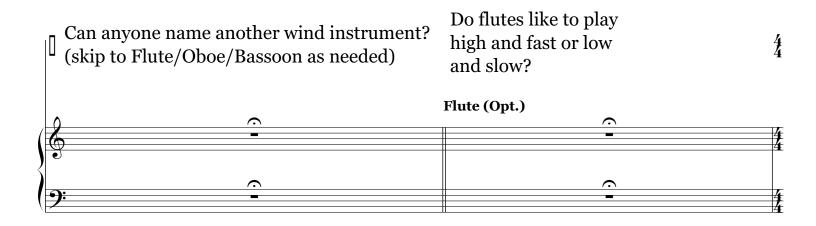
How about the Wind family next?

Can anyone tell me which wind instrument can disappear and then sneak up on people?

III. WINDS







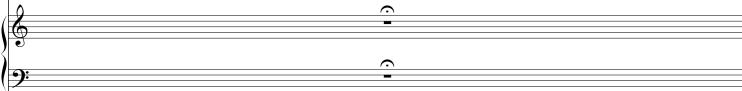




Our wind family today demonstrated that adding layers created harmony and polyphony. The music also got louder as we added more musicians.

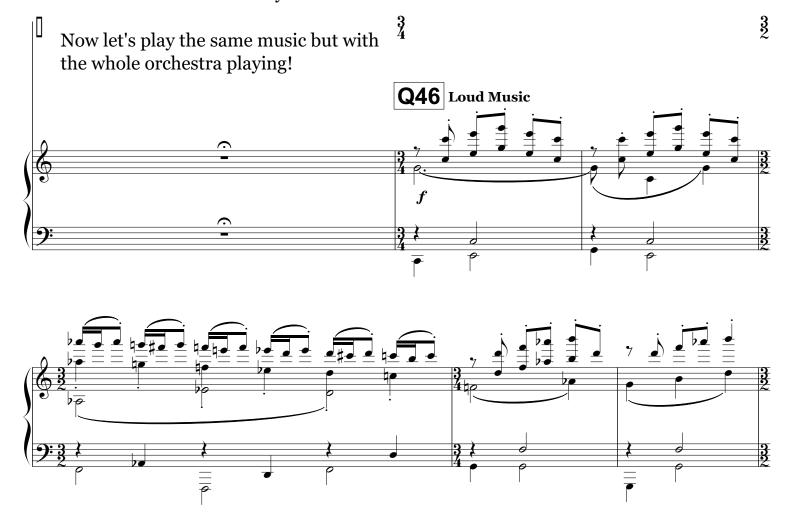
In music, volume is called dynamics. Let's take a passage played by just a few players and hear what it sounds like.

IV. DYNAMICS





How did that music make you feel?



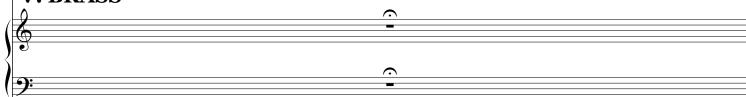
Wow, how did the sound change?

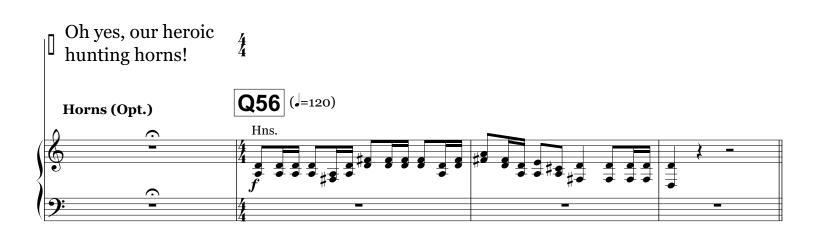


Speaking of volume, let's talk about our Brass family. Does anyone have a favorite brass instrument?

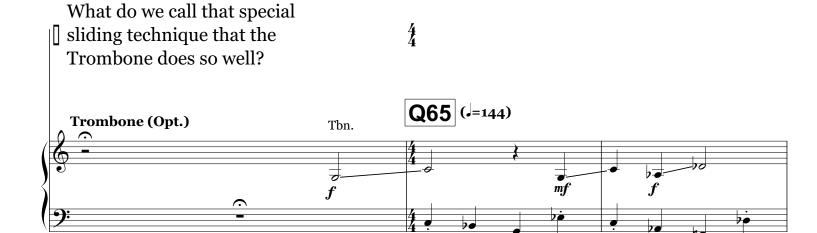
(skip to horns/trumpet/trombone/tuba as needed)



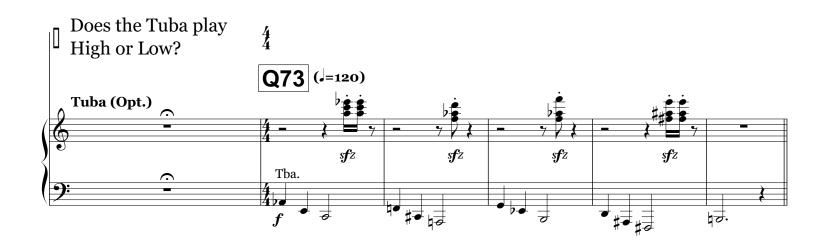


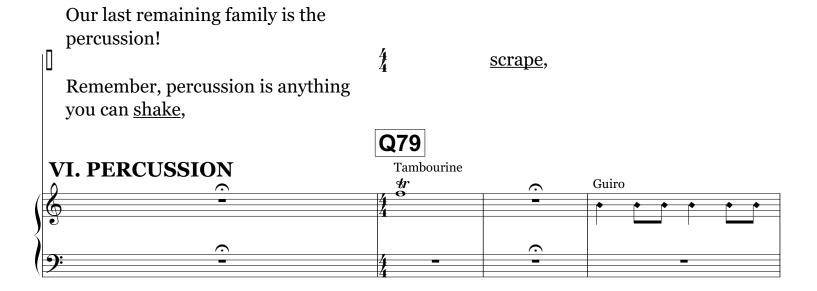


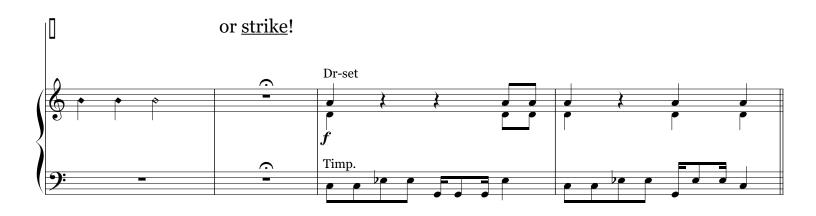












Do you remember that percussion groove that brought down the house?



We've heard a lot about math and music, but there is one more important thing we should mention: speed.

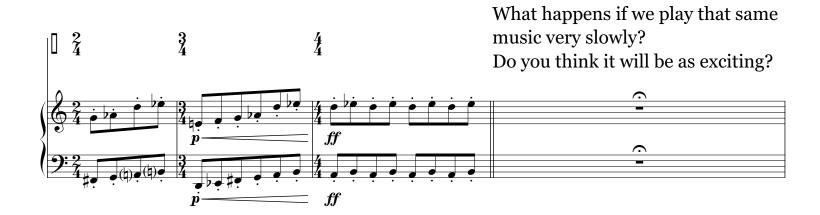
Speed in music is called tempo, and the tempo is determined by the number of beats played in one minute.

Do you remember the exciting battle music at the beginning of our story? It went like this:

VII. TEMPO

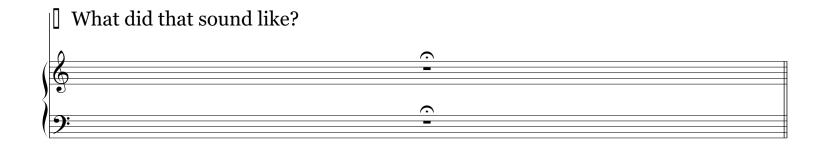












Now you yourselves have heard what big differences dynamics and tempo make to the music, maybe someone wants to show us how to change the tempo by conducting the orchestra? (Choose volunteer)

Hi. What's your name?

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Welcome NAME, now take a bow. (help them)

Have you ever bounced a basketball? OK great! In order to control the tempo, pretend you are bouncing a ball.

If you want the ball to bounce slower, how will you move your arm? (bounce larger, demo using your entire arm)

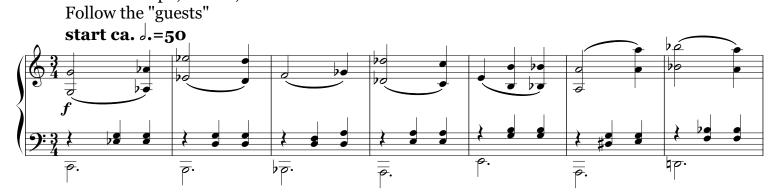
And faster? (bounce smaller, demo only using the wrist)

Excellent, so now you can get in front of the orchestra and we will start in a basic tempo, and you can make the music speed up or slow down by bouncing the imaginary ball faster or slower. Are you ready? I'll start the orchestra for you: "One, One"

(After the excerpt, have the participant bow again, and then repeat the process with another 1-3 kids, time allowing. I suggest scanning the audience to not just pick from the front, although easy access to the aisle and stage should be considered. Furthermore, I recommend being inclusive with as large a variety of ages, genders and ethnicities as possible. Between 2-4 guests yields a very rewarding experience in a limited amount of time.)

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Flexible tempo, rubato, etc.





Wow! Great job to [both/all of] our guest conductors! So many things can change in music by adding beats, notes, harmonies, and altering the tempos and dynamics.

Thank you all for being such a fantastic and attentive audience!

Back to you, NARRATOR!

IX. OUTRO



(Narrator:)

Thank you CONDUCTOR and ORCHESTRA! And thank YOU ALL for coming and becoming a part of our big symphonic family.

