

### Glossary of Musical Terms

**Composer:** person who creates and writes down the music

**Dynamics:** “louds” and “softs”

**Forte:** loud

**Piano:** soft

**Articulation:** the way the notes are played (for example legato or staccato)

**Staccato:** choppy articulation

**Legato:** smooth articulation

**Tempo:** speed (fast/slow/medium)

**Pitch:** how high or low a tone is

**Timbre:** sound peculiar to a particular instrument

**Tutti:** all instruments playing at the same time