

3. A list of orchestral instruments with abbreviations in English Italian, French and German

As listed from the top to the bottom page of a full orchestral score.

1. WOODWIND

ENGLISH	ITALIAN	FRENCH	GERMAN
Piccolo (Picc.)	Flauto piccolo (Fl. picc.)	Petite flûte (Pte. fl.)	Kleine flöte (Kl. Fl.)
Flute (Fl.)	Flauto or Flauto grande (Fl. or Fl. gr.)	Flûte or Grande flûte (Fl. or Gde. fl)	Flöte or Grosse Flöte (Fl. or Gr. Fl.)
Oboe (Ob.)	Oboe (Ob.)	Hautbois (Hb. or Htb.)	Hoboe (Hb.)
Cor anglais (C. A.) or English Horn (E. H.)	Corno inglese (C. i. or Cor. ingl.)	Cor anglais (C. a.)	Englisches Horn (E. h. or Engl. Hr.)
Clarinet (C., Cl. or Clt.)	Clarinetto (Cl. or Clar.)	Clarinette (Cl.)	Klarinette (Kl. or Klar.)
Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.)	Clarinetto basso (Cl. b.)	Clarinette basse (Cl. b.)	Bassklarinette (Bkl.)
Bassoon (Bsn.)	Fagotto (Fg. or Fag.)	Basson (Bn., Bon. or Bssn.)	Fagott (Fg. or Fag.)
Double Bassoon (D. Bsn.) or Contrabassoon (C. bsn.)	Contrafagotto (Cfg. or C. fag.)	Contrebasson (Cbn. or C. bon.)	Kontrafagott (K. Fag.)

2. BRASS

Horn (Hn. or Hr.)	Corno (Cor.)	Cor	Horn (Hr. or Hrn.)
Cornet (Cor.)	Cornetta (Cor.)	Cornet à pistons (Cor. à pist.)	Kornett (Kor.)
Trumpet (Tpt. or Trpt.)	Tromba (Tr. or Tbe.)	Trompette (Tromp. or Trp.)	Trompete (Tr. or Trmp.)
Trombone (Tbn., Trb. or Trom.)	Trombone (Tbn., Tbni., Trb. or Trbn.)	Trombone (Trb. or Trom.)	Posaune (Pos. or Ps.)
Tuba (Tb. or Tba.)	Tuba (Tb. or Tba.)	Tuba (Tb.)	Tuba (Tb.)

3. PERCUSSION

ENGLISH	ITALIAN	FRENCH	GERMAN
Kettledrums (K. D.)	Timpani (Timp.)	Timbales (Timb.)	Pauken (Pk.)
Triangle (Trgl. or Tri.)	Triangolo (Trg.)	Triangle (Trgl.)	Triangel (Trg. or Trigl.)
Cymbals (Cym.)	Piatti (P., Piat. or Ptti.)	Cymbales (Cymb.)	Becken (Bck. or Beck.)
Bass drum (B. d.)	Gran cassa (G. c. or Gr. c.)	Grosse caisse (G. c. or Gr. c.)	Grosse trommel (Gr. tr.)
Snare drum or Side drum (S. d.)	Tamburo piccolo (T. picc. or Tb. p.) or Tamburo militaire (T. m. or T. mil.)	Tambour militaire (Tamb.) or Caisse claire (C. cl.)	Kleine trommel (Kl. tr.)
Tenor drum (T. d.)	Cassa rulante (C. rul.)	Caisse roulante (C. roul.)	Rührtrommel (Rührtr.)
Tambourine (Tamb.)	Tamburo basco (Tb. b.) or Tamburino (Tamb.)	Tambour de Basque (T. de. B.)	Tamburin (Tambr.) or Schellentrommel
Castanets (Cast.)	Castagnette (Cast.)	Castagnettes (Cast.)	Kastagnetten (Kast.)
Gong (Gng.)	Tam-tam (T-t)	Tam-tam (T-t or Tamt.)	Tam tam (T. t.)
Tubular bells (T. b.)	Campane or Campanelle (Camp.)	Cloches (Clch.)	Glocken (Glck.)
Glockenspiel (Glock.)	Campanette or Campanelli (Cmpli.)	Carillon (Car.)	Glockenspiel (Glcksp. or Glsp.)
Xylophone (Xyl.)	Silofono or Xilofono (Xil.)	Xylophone (Xylo. or Xylop.)	Xylophon (Xylo.)
Celesta (Cel.)	Celesta (Cel.)	Céleste or Célesta (Cel.)	Celesta (Cel.)

4. PLUCKED STRING

ENGLISH	ITALIAN	FRENCH	GERMAN
Harp (Hp. or Hrp.)	Arpa (A. or Arp.)	Harpe (Hp.)	Harfe (Hrf. or Hf.)

5. STRINGS

Violin (Vln.)	Violino (V., Vl., Vln. or Vni.)	Violon (Vln., Vns. or Vons.)	Violine or Geige (V., Vl. or Vln.)
Viola (Vla.)	Viola (Va., Vla. or Vle.)	Alto (A.)	Bratsche (Br.)
Violoncello or Cello (Vc. or Vcl.)	Violoncello (Vc., Vcl. or Vlc.)	Violoncelle (Vc. or Velles.)	Violoncell (Vc. or Vlc.)
Double bass (D. B. or D. Bs.)	Contrabasso (Cb. or C. B.) or Basso (B.)	Contrebasse (Cb. or C. B.)	Kontrabass (Kb.)

The list of instruments will vary according to the period the music is written in. The percussion section is the most wide-ranging and also the most inconsistent of the four sections. The timpani is probably the closest one can regard as a standard percussion instrument.

Some Plural words of the above list:

- Horns - Corni (*Italian*), Horner (*German*)
- Trumpets - Trombe (*Italian*)
- Trombones - Tromboni (*Italian*), Posaunen (*German*)
- Clarinets - Clarinetti (*Italian*)
- Bassoons - Fagotti (*Italian*)
- Violas - Brastchen (*German*)