

Abbreviations

A, a	Alto (voice), alto (prefix)
acn	accordion
acc	accompanied, accompaniment
acl	alto clarinet
afl	alto flute
amp	amplified
arr	arranged, arranger
asx	alto saxophone
B, b	Bass (voice), bass (instrument), born
bandurria	bandurria
Bar, bar	Baritone (voice), baritone (instrument)
barsx	baritone saxophone
bcl	bass clarinet
bgtr	bass guitar
bjo	banjo
bn	bassoon
br	brass
btbn	bass trombone
bthn	basset horn
C, c	Contralto (voice), contra (prefix)
ca	circa, cor anglais, English horn
cbcl	contrabass clarinet
cbn	contrabassoon
cel	celesta
cga	conga
ch	chamber
chm	chimes
chor	chorus or choir (SATB unless otherwise noted)
cimb	cimbalom
cl	clarinet
col	coloratura
conc	concertante
cong	congregation (audience)
cont	continuo
cnt	cornet
cond	conductor
Ct	Countertenor
Ctpt	trumpet in C
cym	cymbals
d	descant or double (prefix)
db	doublebass
Dbpicc	piccolo in D-flat
div	divisi, divided
dm	drum
dmkit	drum kit, trap set
dms	drums, trap set
drec	descant recorder
Ebcl	clarinet in E-flat
Ebtpt	trumpet in E-flat
e	electric
eb	electric bass
egtr	electric guitar
epf	electric piano
ed	editor, edited
edn	edition
ens	ensemble
euph	euphonium

eve	evening
evn	electric violin
fl	flute
flg	flugelhorn
glock	glockenspiel
gtr	guitar
heck	heckelphone
hca	harmonica
hmn	harmonium
hn	horn
Horg	Hammond organ
hp	harp
hpd	harpsichord
inst	instrument(s), instrumentation
kbd	keyboard
lu	lute
man	mandolin
mba	marimba
med	medium
met	metallophone
min	minimum
mrc	maracas
Mz	Mezzo Soprano
Narr	Narrator
ob	oboe
obda	oboe d'amore
obdc	oboe da caccia
obbl	obbligato
om	Ondes Martenot
opt	optional
orch	orchestra, orchestration
org	organ
perc	percussion
perf	performance
pf	piano
pf 4hnd	piano 4-hand
pic	piccolo
pr	prepared
pt	part
real	realized, realizer
rec	recorder
reconstr	reconstruction
red	reduced, reduction
rev	revised, reviser
S, s	Soprano (voice), soprano (instrument)
sarrus	sarrusophone
sc	score
sous	sousaphone
ssx	soprano saxophone
str	strings
str4t	string quartet
str5t	string quintet
syn	synthesizer
sx	saxophone
T, t	Tenor (voice), tenor (prefix)
tam	tam-tam
tamb	tambourine
tba	tuba
tbn	trombone
timp	timpani

theorbo	theorbo
tp	tape
tpt	trumpet
Tr, tr	Treble (voice), treble (prefix)
transc	transcribed
trec	tenor recorder
tsx	tenor saxophone

uke	ukelele
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va	viola
vadg	viola da gamba
var	varying (duration) or various
vc	violoncello
vib	vibraphone
vn	violin

Wtba	Wagner tuba
ww	woodwind

xba	xylorhimba
xyl	xylophone

Ykbd	Yamaha keyboard
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5t	quintet
4t	quartet

()	doubling
[]	alternative or optional

Score Order

Orchestral and ensemble instrumentations appear in score order as follows:

- flute.oboe.clarinet.saxophone.bassoon/
- horn.trumpet.trombone.tuba/
- percussion/
- harp.keyboard/
- other plucked strings/
- violin.viola.cello.doublebass;
- continuo;
- electronic tape;
- voice(s) treated as an instrument.

Within the woodwind and brass groups, the primary instruments are indicated by numbers unless an abbreviation is clearer. Saxophones are not indicated by a number unless present.

For example:

2232/4331/str indicates 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 3 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 4 horns, 3 trumpets, 3 trombones, 1 tuba, string section

For example:

fl.cl/hn/str indicates 1 flute, 1 clarinet, 1 horn, string section

Other situations are indicated as follows:

- Doubling: 1(pic) indicates 1 flute doubling piccolo
- Optional: cel[=pf] indicates 1 celesta with optional piano (one player)
- Alternative: pf[=org] indicates piano or organ
- Auxiliary: 1+pic.1+ca.1+bcl.1+cbn indicates 1 flute, 1 piccolo, 1 oboe, 1 English horn, 1 clarinet, 1 bass clarinet, 1 bassoon,
- 1 contrabassoon

Solo instruments or voices are listed separately before the instrumental scoring.

Below is an example of a complicated scoring and its meaning:

2(pic:af1)2+ca.3(Ebcl,bcl).asx+tsx.2/43[=3cnt]2+btbn.1.euph/timp.perc.bells.glock/hp.pf[=org]/str(min
6.6.4.2.2); tp; SA chorus ad lib

- 2 flutes (1 player doubling piccolo, the other doubling alto flute)
- 2 oboes + cor anglais (English horn)
- 3 clarinets (1 player doubling both Eb clarinet and bass clarinet)
- 1 alto sax + 1 tenor sax
- 2 bassoons
- 4 horns
- 3 trumpets (or, alternatively, 3 cornets)
- 2 trombones + bass trombone
- 1 tuba
- 1 euphonium
- 1 timpanist
- 1 percussionist
- 1 player on bells
- 1 player on glockenspiel
- 1 harp
- 1 piano (or organ)
- strings: at least 6 first violins, 6 second violins, 4 violas, 2 cellos, 2 double basses (players, not desks)
- 1 electronic tape
- Soprano and Alto chorus ad lib (voices used as instruments)