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Music Service

# Free Online Music Resources

## Instrumental Resources



### ABRSM Apps & Practice Tools

ABRSM has created a suite of apps and practice tools that can be downloaded to mobiles and tablets to support learners with everything from scales to making your practice more manageable and productive

<https://gb.abrsm.org/en/exam-support/apps-and-practice-tools/>

### BBC Ten Pieces Orchestral & Choral Arrangements

These are available online for anyone studying an instrument up to Grade 5

[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/KS2-3/zhvy8xs](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/KS2-3/zhvy8xs)

- Instrumental parts are listed by ability level for each piece but have been designed to work together to enable mixed-ability groups to perform as one
- The pieces have been arranged for the following ability levels: Beginner/pre-Grade 1, intermediate/Grades 1-3 (ABRSM) and Grades 4-5 (ABRSM). You can use the arrangements to develop creative responses and put on performances



Every day, Monday - Friday from 12-12.30pm, the Benedetti Foundation tutors deliver a live music lesson hosted on the Foundation's Facebook page for young people, parents and teachers. Catch up on all the lessons here:

[www.benedettifoundation.org/resources](http://www.benedettifoundation.org/resources)



## Key Stage 2 Resources



**BBC**  
**Teach**

**BBC Schools Radio** has a large catalogue of videos, audio resources and music activities. Each series of resources explores popular topics or related areas of the curriculum. The content is ideal for the non-specialist teacher, offering a mix of materials with clear instructions on how and what to do, and providing a term's worth of music activity. There are opportunities to sing, take part in music activities, appraise music, with suggestions for composition included in the comprehensive Teacher Notes <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-music-ks1--ks2-index/z6762sg>

**BBC Ten Pieces** opens up the world of classical music to children. There are lesson plans and resources bursting with ideas for how to get children to be creative with inspirational classical pieces. For each piece you will find free teaching resources, exciting short films, lesson plans, arrangements and more [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/primary-resources-ks2--2nd-level/z6xjrj6](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/primary-resources-ks2--2nd-level/z6xjrj6)

It is also worth checking out Ten Pieces at Home for weekly resources and creative activities: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces)

**Interactive Lessons:** Get creative with Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker' in this Ten Pieces Live Lesson for 7-11s, full of dance, movement and characterisation. It was created in collaboration with the Royal Opera House and The Royal Ballet School, and shows pupils how to create their own original dance moves: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/ten-pieces-and-the-nutcracker-live-lesson/znhycqt](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/ten-pieces-and-the-nutcracker-live-lesson/znhycqt)

**Trailblazers** challenges students to rethink orchestral music – what it sounds like, who can make it, and how it's used – through ten trailblazing composers and their pieces of music. Discover Trailblazers with six weeks of learning and activities, customisable to you, aided by PowerPoint presentations: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-trailblazers/zfpy7nb](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-trailblazers/zfpy7nb)

**5 musical ideas to try with children at home:** These simple ideas will help keep little ones occupied while encouraging them to explore and learn about music [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/half-term-music-activities/zmmpxyc/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/half-term-music-activities/zmmpxyc/)

**BBC Bitesize** helps students learn by providing "bitesized" interactive content, video and audio summaries and mock exams [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zwxhfg8](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zwxhfg8)



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**Bitesize**



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**Sing Up** resources to keep children learning and singing outside of school. Download the videos, songs, including performance tracks and song lyrics, and activity bundles with worksheets for your children [www.singup.org/singupathome/songs-for-learning/7-11](http://www.singup.org/singupathome/songs-for-learning/7-11)

## Musical Futures

Everyone Can Play playalongs are designed as an add-on to existing Everyone Can Play Ukulele resources for teachers and schools to make more classroom music together.

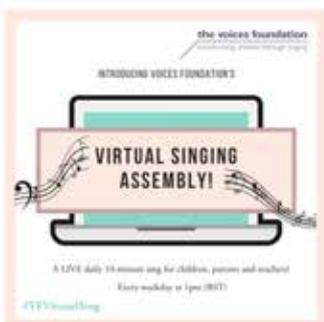
<https://www.musicalfutures.org/resource-type/ukulele-teaching-resources>



Live Body Beats body percussion sessions delivered daily at 11am on YouTube by Ollie Tunmer, former STOMP cast member. You can also download free body percussion and samba rhythm resources from the Beat Goes on Website [www.beatgoeson.co.uk/free-resources/](http://www.beatgoeson.co.uk/free-resources/)

To help with the rhythms and routines of your new daily life, **Out of the Ark Music** has released seven songs, one for each day, all with challenges and activities related to each song [www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/](http://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/) More songs and resources will be released every week for the next few weeks

Out of the Ark Music



The Voices Foundation's Virtual Singing Assembly, live every weekday at 1pm for a fun and uplifting 10 minute sing for children, parents and teachers [www.youtube.com/channel/UCUyyfVn2NlieceeT74eyn06A](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUyyfVn2NlieceeT74eyn06A)



## Music Theory

Explore free online music theory lessons and exercises, from the basics to more complex piece analysis  
[www.musictheory.net/lessons](http://www.musictheory.net/lessons)

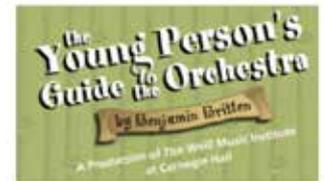


## Chrome Music Lab

Chrome Music Lab makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments. Explore the free tools to create, make and compose.

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>

**Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra** presents Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, complete with an interactive game <https://listeningadventures.carnegiehall.org>



## Classics for Kids

Find out all about the composers featured on Classics for Kids and explore fun and interactive classical music games [www.classicsforkids.com](http://www.classicsforkids.com)



Explore orchestral sounds as the Philharmonia's expert players guide you through the intricacies of the instruments they play

<https://philharmonia.co.uk/resources/instruments/>

## Friday Afternoons



Friday Afternoons is a Snape Maltings led singing project connecting teachers and young people with contemporary composers, through

creating high quality repertoire, resources and training to encourage challenging and exciting music making experiences for all. The catalogue provides warm ups, leader tutorials, case studies, lesson plans and worksheets to support teaching the repertoire <http://fridayafternoonsmusic.co.uk/resources>



## National Teachers' Choir

I'm Gonna Shine is a simple, 2-part song that has lovely actions to help convey the words. This song is free to access – you can stream or download various tracks, along with sheet music and lyrics, and a video clip showing optional Makaton signs

[www.nationalteacherschoir.org.uk/sing-in](http://www.nationalteacherschoir.org.uk/sing-in)



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## London Philharmonic Orchestra

Creative Classrooms Connect

[www.lpo.org.uk/education/creative-classrooms/](http://www.lpo.org.uk/education/creative-classrooms/)

### Let's Sing Part 1

[www.lpo.org.uk/creative-classrooms-connect/let-s-sing.html](http://www.lpo.org.uk/creative-classrooms-connect/let-s-sing.html)

### Let's Sing Part 2

[www.lpo.org.uk/creative-classrooms-connect/let-s-sing-part-2.html](http://www.lpo.org.uk/creative-classrooms-connect/let-s-sing-part-2.html)

an encyclopedia of every singing warm up, fun song and exercise you could ever need!

London  
Philharmonic  
Orchestra



ROYAL  
OPERA  
HOUSE

## Hansel and Gretel Immersive

Royal Opera House invites you to join CITV presenter Luke Franks as he visits the Royal Opera House and meets a host of young singers who introduce him to the opera Hansel and Gretel. This ten-lesson immersive course will guide children through the process of putting on your own version of this opera (which includes specially arranged musical extracts), and help you establish the key elements of dramatic singing <https://learning-platform.roh.org.uk/programme/create-and-sing-hansel-and-gretel>

## Ravel's Bolero for KS2

Use the specially created digital resources to help plan and deliver creative, fun and educational music activities:

<https://lso.co.uk/lso-discovery/schools-young-people/resources-for-teachers.html>

LSO London  
Symphony  
Orchestra



City of Birmingham  
Symphony Orchestra

The CBSO's education programme creates teachers packs and learning resources to accompany projects, providing teachers with creative ideas, practical music making activities, cross curricular learning opportunities and further listening suggestions. KS2 children can celebrate 100 years of Debussy's music by engaging with the included material, in particular 'Children's Corner' <https://cbsco.co.uk/education/resources>



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PHILHARMONIKER

Berliner Philharmoniker Digital Concert Hall is now free for everyone! Receive free access to all concerts and films in the Digital Concert Hall

[www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home](http://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home)

## Classical 100

The unique collection of 100 classical recordings, complete with learning activities and information on each piece, is being made available for free to all families at home during the coronavirus crisis <https://gb.abrsm.org/en/classical100primary/>

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## Inclusive Resources



BBC  
Teach

**BBC Ten Pieces** opens up the world of classical music to children. Explore inclusive films, lesson plans, resources and more for students with additional support needs (SEND/ ASN), students who are deaf or have hearing loss and students who are blind or partially sighted

**Bring the Noise - SEND music teaching guides and tutorials:**

Deliver a story with songs, increase numeracy by using simple songs to teach and encourage children to explore music using objects and sensory materials

[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/teacher-techniques-SENDguides/zd9w47h/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/teacher-techniques-SENDguides/zd9w47h/)

**Bring the Noise - Songs in British Sign Language:** Learn to sign and dance-a-long to the songs [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/5-songs-in-bsl/z4g88xs/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/5-songs-in-bsl/z4g88xs/)

**Sing Up** have free resources to keep children learning and singing, including sign language and Makaton videos <https://www.singup.org/singupathome>



sing up  
Love learning, start singing



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**Drake Music** are leaders in music, disability and technology. They champion new and innovative ideas for accessible musical instruments, aiming to broaden the scope of what is available to young disabled and nondisabled musicians. In delivering music education and participatory music-making sessions, they make use of these instruments, traditional instruments and existing assistive and accessible music technology



[www.drakemusic.org/technology/resources-links/other-accessible-music-tech/](http://www.drakemusic.org/technology/resources-links/other-accessible-music-tech/)



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<https://cbsoco.uk/education/resources>

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