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Tocatta and Fugue

in D minor

Johann Sebastian Bach, known as 'J.S. Bach', was a German **composer** and musician who was born in 1685 (over 300 years ago!) He wrote lots of music, including works for instruments like the piano, violin, and organ. Bach is known for his incredible talent in creating beautiful and complex music, and people still play and listen to his pieces today!

Bach's Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor is one of the most famous pieces of classical music. It has two separate sections. The piece starts with the **Tocatta**, which has a bold and dramatic sound and is played in a 'free' style (not set to a strict tempo). It is full of fast **notes** that are exciting to listen to. After that, the **Fugue** begins, a part where one main melody is repeated and layered by different voices, like a musical puzzle. In music, a **melody** is the 'tune' of the song.

This piece is often played on the pipe **organ**, a large keyboard instrument that makes sound when air moves through **pipes**. The organ has several keyboards called **manuals** and a set of **pedals** played with the feet.

Organ players also use knobs called **stops** to turn different pipes on or off and change the sound.

Even though J.S. Bach's Tocatta and Fugue was written long ago, people still love hearing it today because of its intensity and beauty. You might even recognize its spooky, powerful sound from movies or during Halloween!



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for the music!

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ALL *about*

the Composer
J.S. Bach



This
is
him!

He was born in the
year:

I'm listening to a piece
he composed called:

How the music sounds
to me:

I rate this music:
(circle or color the stars)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

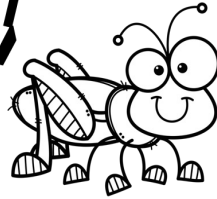
He lived in this country: _____



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Directions: Unscramble the letters to make the correct word, then read the sentence.

Word Scramble!



Oops! The letters must have hopped out of order!

Air goes through the _____
to make sound. ipsep

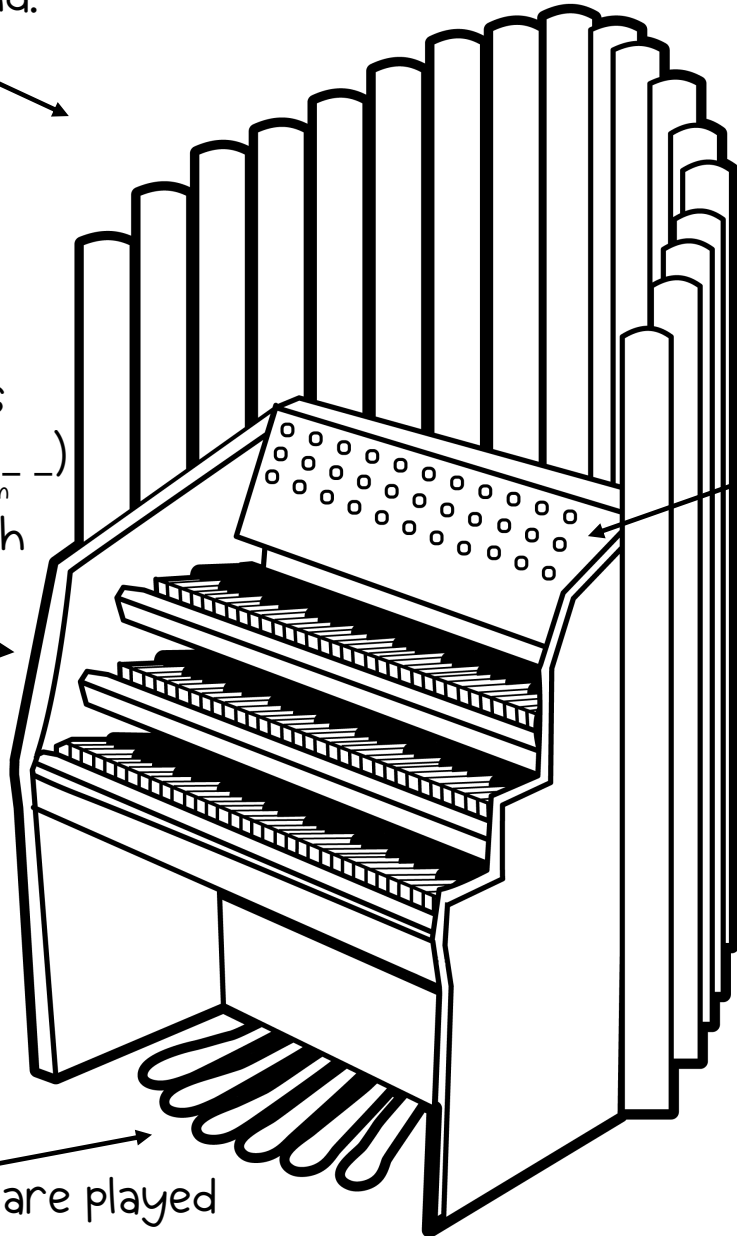
The keyboards
(called _____)
are played with
the hands. slaunham

Knobs called
_____ change
the sound. ptoss

Fun fact:
The pipe organ
is special
because
musicians
play notes
with their
AND

their _____.
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Foot _____ are played
with the feet. ladepts



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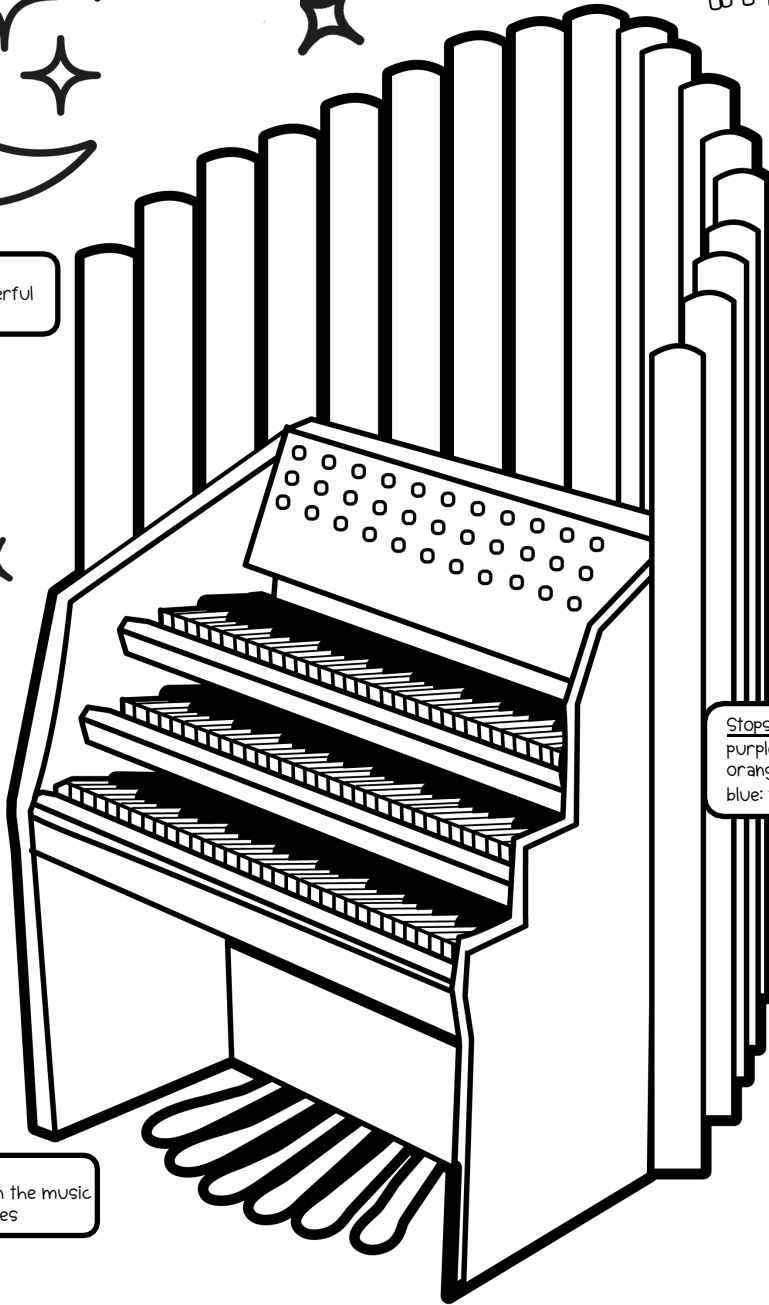
Directions: Color the picture according to the prompts. When you're finished, color the rest of the organ brown.

Toccata and Fugue in D minor



Stars
purple: the music sounds powerful
black: the music sounds quiet

Pipes
yellow: I hear an organ
pink: I hear a piano



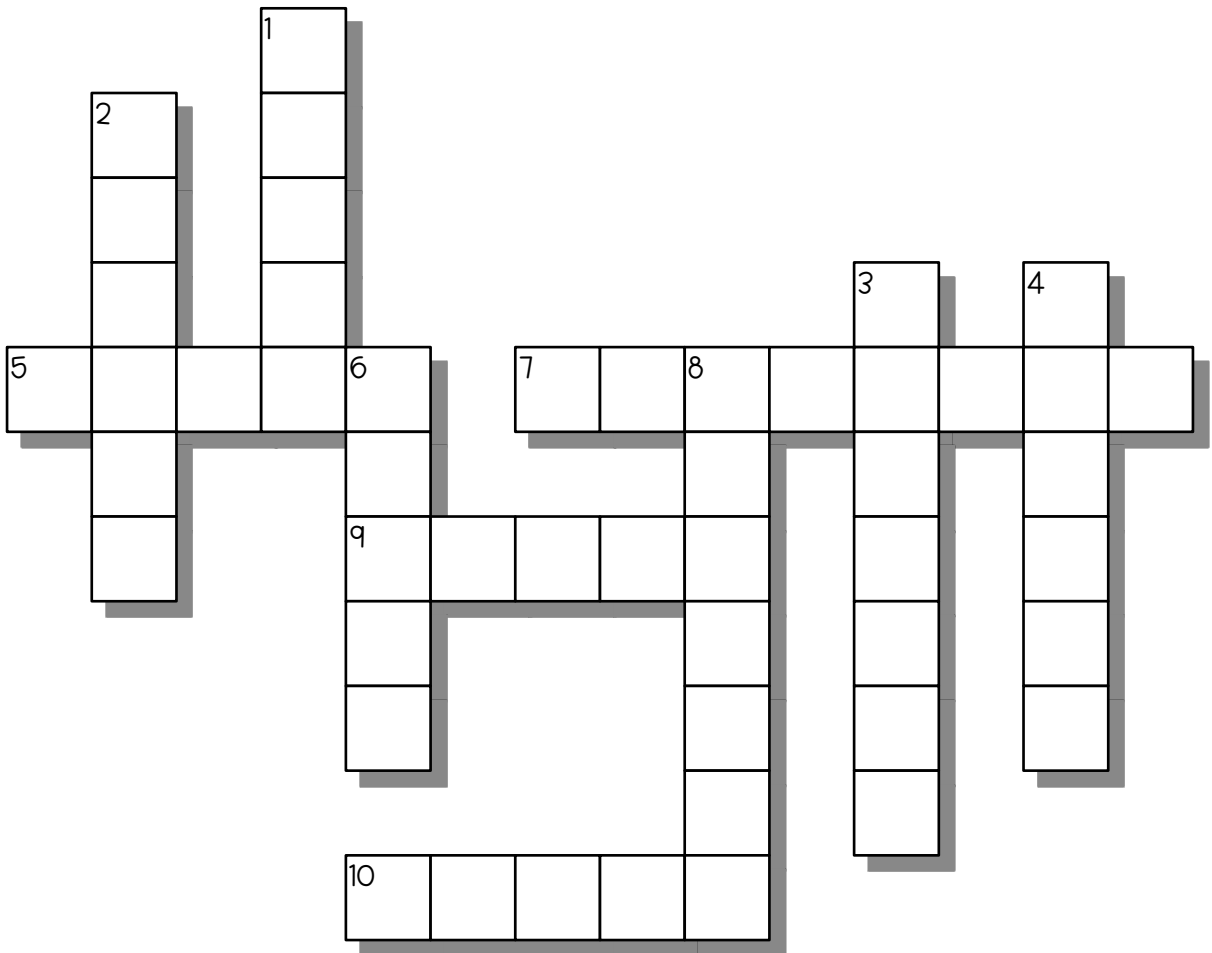
Stops
purple: the music sounds happy
orange: the music sounds sad
blue: the music sounds exciting

Pedals
orange: I hear pauses in the music
pink: I do not hear pauses

Moon
red: I can hear where the toccata section ends, and the fugue begins
purple: I hear one continuous piece, with no separate sections

Manuals:
green: this piece sounds difficult to play
grey: this piece sounds easy to play

Bach Crossword



Across

5. symbols that show which sounds to play in music
7. a person who writes music
9. a large keyboard instrument that makes sound when air moves through pipes
10. long tubes in an organ that make sound when air flows through them

Down

1. a piece of music where one melody is repeated and layered by different voices
2. the main tune in a piece of music
3. a fast, dramatic piece of music that shows a musician's skill
4. large keys on the floor that organ players press with their feet
6. knobs or buttons on an organ that turn different sets of pipes on or off to change the sound
8. the rows of keys that organ players use with their hands