

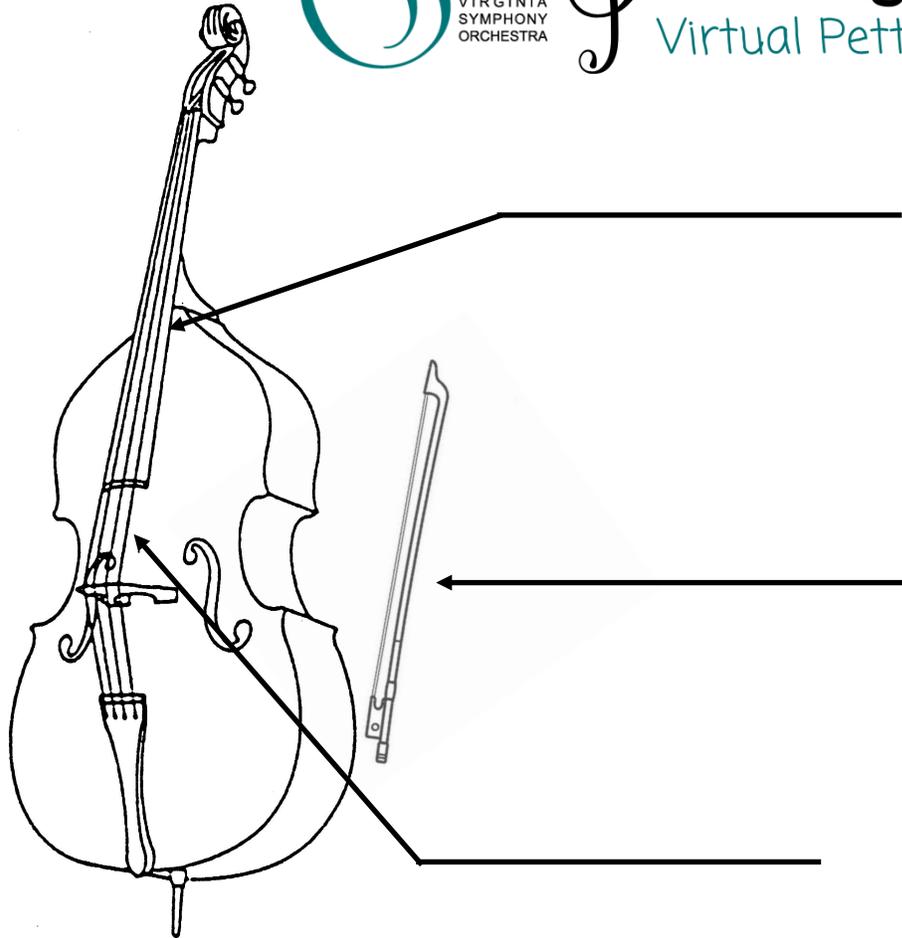
Double Bass



Label the parts of the Double Bass.

Word Bank:

- Fingerboard
- Strings
- Bow

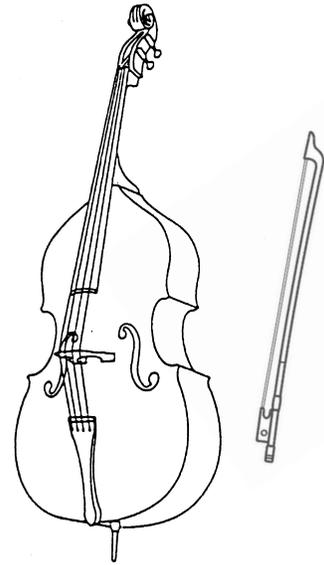


- 1) The Double Bass is the _____ instrument in the string family, which also includes the _____, _____, and _____.
- 2) The Double Bass sounds a full _____ below the cello.
- 3) Circle one: The smaller / bigger the instrument, the lower the notes it can play.
- 4) Before Bass strings were made out of steel, they were made out of _____.
- 5) Can you name some of the other names Chris said for a Double Bass?

- 6) Discuss the different ways that the bass is used within the orchestra.

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Vocabulary



- String Family: The String Family is the largest family in the entire orchestra consisting of the violin, viola, cello, and double bass.
- Pizzicato: a playing technique that involves plucking the strings of a string instrument
- Octave: the distance between two musical notes that have the same letter name

Further Listening:

Strauss *Also sprach Zarathustra*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETveS23djXM>

Beethoven *Symphony No. 5 Movement III*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYQ0Zaelmt0>

Hear bassist Edgar Meyer play the

Bottesini *Concerto for Double Bass No. 2 in B minor*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQgs7m3gkgU>

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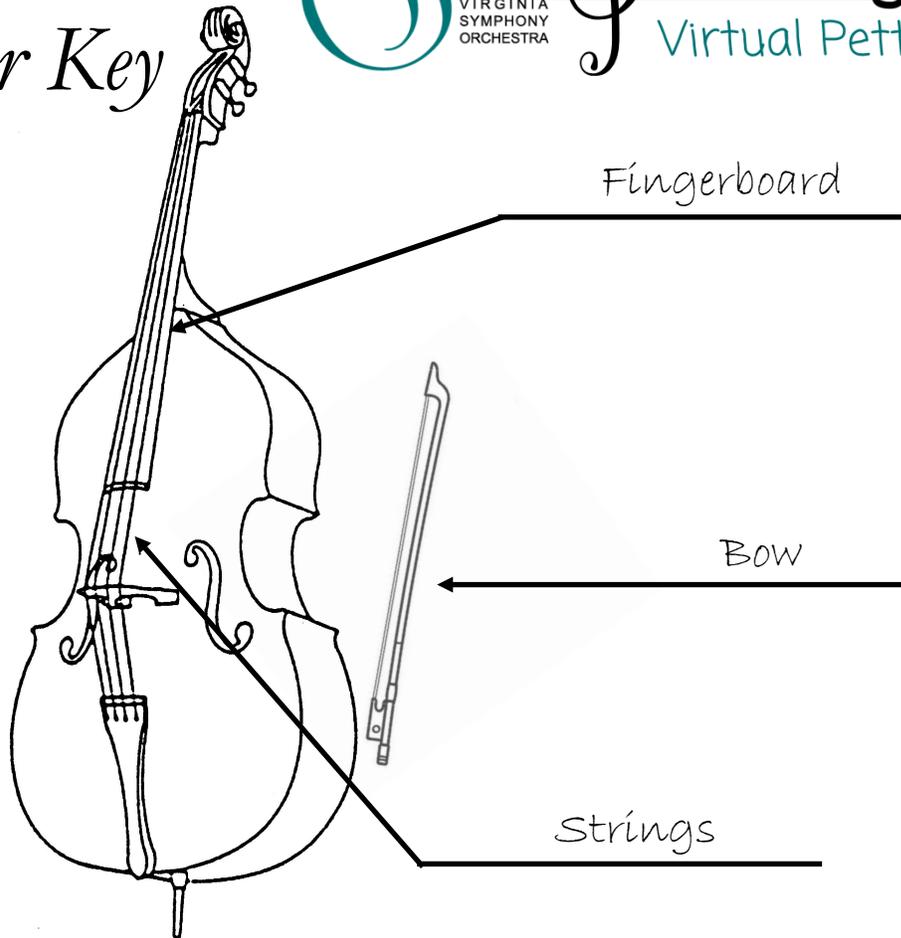
Answer Key



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- 1) The Double Bass is the largest instrument in the string family, which also includes the violin, viola, and cello.
- 2) The Double Bass sounds a full octave below the cello.
- 3) Circle one: The smaller (bigger) the instrument, the lower the notes it can play.
- 4) Before Bass strings were made out of steel, they were made out of animal gut.
- 5) Can you name some of the other names Chris said for a Double Bass?
Bass, upright Bass, Stand-up Bass, Bull Fiddle
- 6) Discuss the different ways that the bass is used within the orchestra.
Think about when Chris talked about the composer and what they wanted to achieve