Vocabulary List

- **Amplify**: to make sound louder
- **Bowing**: the technique of managing the bow in playing a stringed instrument
- **Brass Family**: The Brass Family consists of four instruments. The Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, and Tuba. Brass players create sound in their instrument by buzzing/vibrating their lips in the mouthpiece.
- **Chord**: a group of notes sounded together to form a harmony
- **Composer**: a person who writes music
- **Double stop**: the playing of two notes at once on a bowed string instrument
- **Fanfare**: a short ceremonial tune, typically played to introduce someone important
- **Fife**: a small flute, similar to the piccolo, that was often used in Fife and Drum Corps, military bands, and marching bands
- **Glissando**: a continuous slide up or down between two notes
- **Hoedown**: a type of American folk dance or square dance
- **Irish Jig**: a form of lively folk dance
- **Legato**: in a smooth flowing manner, without breaks between notes
- **Lyrical**: beautifully expressing deep emotion
- **Mechanisms**: a set of parts working together
- **Melody**: a group of notes of various pitches which are played one after another. Together they make a tune in the same way that a group of words make a sentence.
- **Minuet**: a slow ballroom dance in three
• **Mouthpiece**: the part of the instrument placed on the player's lips. The mouthpiece is a circular opening that leads to the main body of the instrument.

• **Octave**: the distance between two musical notes that have the same letter name

• **Oratorio**: a piece of music for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra, that is usually based on a religious story

• **Pitch**: how high or low a tone is

• **Pizzicato**: a playing technique that involves plucking the strings of a string instrument

• **Reed**: a piece of thin cane used in various Woodwind instruments to vibrate and make sound

• **Resonate**: to produce a deep, full, reverberating (echoing) sound

• **Spiccato**: a bowing technique in which the bow bounces lightly upon the string

• **String Family**: The String Family is the largest family in the entire orchestra consisting of the violin, viola, cello, and double bass

• **Tremolo**: a trembling effect created by quickly repeating the note

• **Woodwind Family**: The Woodwind family consists of the flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, and bassoon. There are two types of woodwind instruments: flutes and reed instruments.