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Music to Your Ears 动听的音乐

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to share a stage with world class famous composers? Do you dream of becoming the next Lang Lang? Now is your chance to make it big in the classical music world, thanks to a video-sharing website.

In collaboration with orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic and several others, the video sharing site has launched the "YouTube Symphony Orchestra Project".

Billed as the world's first collaborative online orchestra, the site wants users to submit videos showcasing their musical talent.

Beijing Olympics theme music composer Tang Dun has written the audition piece. He told the BBC his latest composition was inspired by walking around the streets of New York and hearing the sounds of mechanics.

"The internet is an invisible Silk Road, joining, people across the world. Anyone can download a score of my Internet Symphony No 1 'Eroica', pick any part of it and play it with any instrument or object, in any style," he said.

In addition to Tan Dun's piece, users will also have to perform a famous classical piece of their choice demonstrating their musical and technical abilities. A panel of experts will then whittle the field down to a shortlist of semi-finalists who will then be voted on by YouTube viewers.

The competition hopes to inspire musicians from all over the world. "Music means so much to different people, in different countries. It's not just about the note of music, it's about discovery," said, the music director of the San Francisco Symphony, Michael Tilson Thomas.

With just three months till the competition deadline in February next year, anyone hoping to perform on the world stage and be part of musical history must act quickly.

As New York Carnegie Hall's executive director Clive Gilinson puts it, "This will be a one-of-a-kind moment in classical music, bringing musicians together in a totally new, modern and compelling way".

Glossary 词汇表

share a stage - 同台演出	composers - 作曲家
make it big - 成功, 成名	video-sharing - 视频分享
in collaboration - 与...合作	symphony - 交响曲
billed as - 被宣传为	collaborative - 合作的, 协作的
showcasing - 展现(优点)	audition piece - 试听曲
composition - 大型乐曲	Silk Road - 丝绸之路
score - 乐谱	internet symphony - 网络交响曲
whittle the field down - 逐渐减少	shortlist - 决选名单
inspire - 赋予灵感	deadline - 截至期限
one-of-a-kind - 独一无二的	compelling - 令人感叹的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

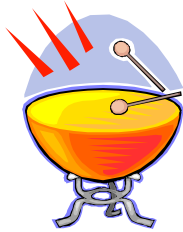
以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Youtube is a video-sharing website. True / False
2. Composer Tan Dun said that London inspired his Internet Symphony. True / False
3. Users are encouraged to send in videos of themselves playing music instruments. True / False
4. The winners are selected by a panel of judges. True / False
5. The online competition deadline is in January 2009. True / False

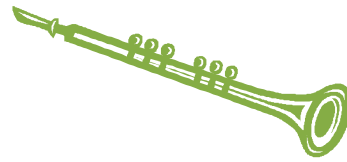
2. Label the Picture 标注图片

Look at the pictures below. They are all the things to do with music. The words to describe the pictures are in the box at the bottom of the page. Use the words to label the pictures.

请看下列图片。根据本篇有关音乐的文章, 从下列给出的词语中选出正确答案标注下列图片:



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

harp	cello	clarinet
xylophone	maracas	timpani

3. Phrases about Music 和音乐有关的短语

Look at the phrases below. Can you match them to their definitions?

请在右侧的选项当中找出下列短语的正确解释。

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. to face the music | a. To evoke a reaction, response, or emotion. |
| 2. to play second fiddle to | b. To accept the unpleasant consequences, especially of one's own actions. |
| 3. to strike a chord | c. To keep talking non stop about something or someone. |
| 4. to bang on about | d. To be seen as the second best or a supporting person. |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the phrases.

请用以上词组完成填空。

1. I'm just as good as Robin at work, why should I always _____ to him?
2. Lisa finally decided to return home _____, two weeks after she broke her engagement with Jack.
3. John Lennon's songs _____ with many listeners around the world.
4. He's always _____ about football.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this article in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与本篇文章有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的，垂直的，或对角的形式出现。

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stage	composer	symphony	score	inspire
composition	panel	whittle	orchestra	pick

Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

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2. Label the Picture 标注图片

1. timpani
2. clarinet
3. maracas
4. harp
5. cello
6. xylophone

3. Phrases about music 和音乐有关的短语

1. **to face the music** - to accept the unpleasant consequences, especially of one's own actions.
2. **to play second fiddle to** - to be seen as the second best or a supporting person.
3. **to strike a chord** - to evoke a reaction, response, or emotion.
4. **to bang on about** - to keep talking non stop about something or someone.

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the phrasal verbs.

请用以上词组完成填空。

1. I'm just as good as Robin at work, why should I always **play second fiddle** to him?
2. Lisa finally decided to return home **to face the music**, two weeks after she broke her engagement with Jack.
3. John Lennon's song 'Imagine' **has struck a chord** with many listeners around the world.
4. He's always **banging on** football.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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