

orchestra

[ˈɔ:kɪstrə] *n*

1. оркестр
string [symphony, dance] orchestra - струнный [симфонический, эстрадный] оркестр
2. место для оркестра или хора; оркестровая яма (*мж.* orchestra pit)
3. *амер.* первые ряды партера (*мж.* orchestra chairs, orchestra stalls)
two seats in the orchestra - два билета в первых рядах партера
4. оркестра (*место хора в древнегреческом театре*)

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or-ches-tra [orchestra orchestras] *BrE* [ˈɔ:kɪstrə] *NAmE* [ˈɔ:rkɪstɹjə] *noun*

1. **countable + singular or plural verb** a large group of people who play various musical instruments together, led by a **conductor**
 - She plays the flute in the school orchestra.
 - the Scottish Symphony Orchestra
 - The competition gave the young composer her first opportunity to write for a full orchestra.

see also **chamber orchestra**, **symphony orchestra**

2. **the orchestra singular (NAmE) (BrE the 'orchestra stalls, the stalls)** the seats that are nearest to the stage in a theatre
See also: **orchestra stalls**

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: via Latin from Greek *orkhēstra*, from *orkheisthai* 'to dance'.

Example Bank:

- The full orchestra includes two harps.
- The full orchestra includes two pairs of French horns.
- The orchestra struck up a lively march.
- the Ulster Orchestra under Philip Ledger

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: Greek, from *orcheisthai* 'to dance']

1. **[countable also + plural verb British English]** a large group of musicians playing many different kinds of instruments and led by a **conductor**:
 - the Berlin Symphony Orchestra
 - the school orchestra
2. **orchestra section/seats American English** the area of seats in a theatre close to and on the same level as the stage

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parts of an orchestra

- **the wind/woodwind section** the instruments such as **flutes**, **clarinets**, and **saxophones**
- **the strings/the string section** the instruments that have strings, for example **violins**
- **the brass/the brass section** the instruments made of metal that you blow through, for example **trumpets**
- **the percussion/the percussion section** the instruments such as drums and **tambourines**

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