

Music for All

Introducing the Instruments

A coloring book for future musicians





A Note to Parents and Young Musicians

Parents, thank you for encouraging the exploration of music and arts in the life of your child! Consider discussing some of these fun facts with your child while they create their colorful works of art:

Bands typically include instruments from the **brass**, **woodwind**, and **percussion** families.

Brass – These instruments make a sound when you buzz your lips into a mouthpiece. The **trumpet**, **French horn**, **euphonium**, and **tuba** each have 3 or 4 valves which allow the musician to quickly change the pitch. Instead of valves, the **trombone** uses a large slide.

Woodwinds – These instruments, like the **clarinet**, **oboe**, and **bassoon**, are made of wood or plastic. The **flute** evolved from instruments made of wood or animal bones, but it is now made of metal. For the **clarinet** and **saxophone**, the musician blows air into a mouthpiece that contains a single strip of wood (a reed) that vibrates to produce a sound. Instead of a mouthpiece, the **oboe** and **bassoon** have two pieces of wood (double reed) that vibrate against each other when the musician blows against them. On woodwind instruments, musicians press down different combinations of keys to create different pitches.

Percussion – These instruments make a sound when you strike, shake, or scrape them. **Drums** are typically played with two sticks. **Marimbas**, **vibraphones**, and **xylophones** have bars that are arranged like piano keys. These instruments are played with two or more mallets.

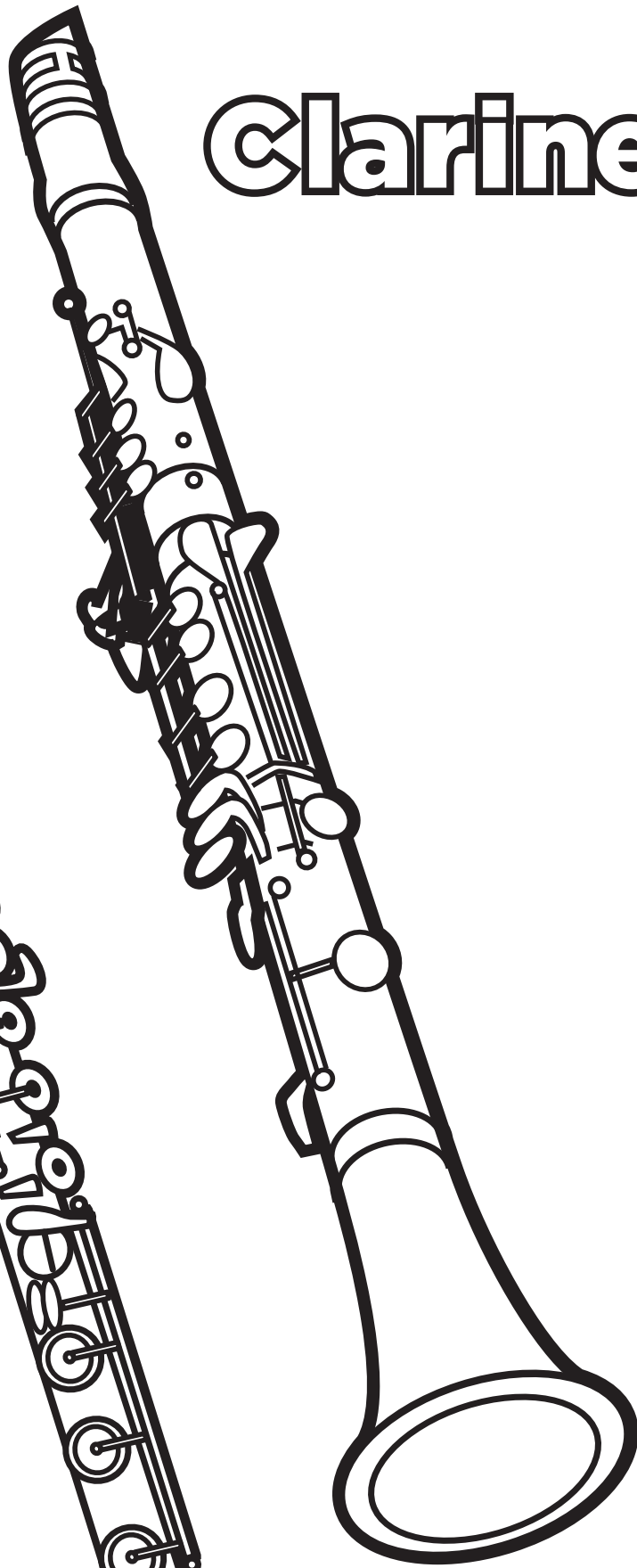
Orchestras, on the other hand, include many of these same instruments. But they also include instruments from the **string** family!

The string family includes the **violin**, **viola**, **cello**, and **bass**. They all have 4 strings. String instruments are typically played by pulling a bow across the strings, or the strings can also be plucked to make sound. The **harp** is a bit different; it has many, many strings that are only played by plucking.

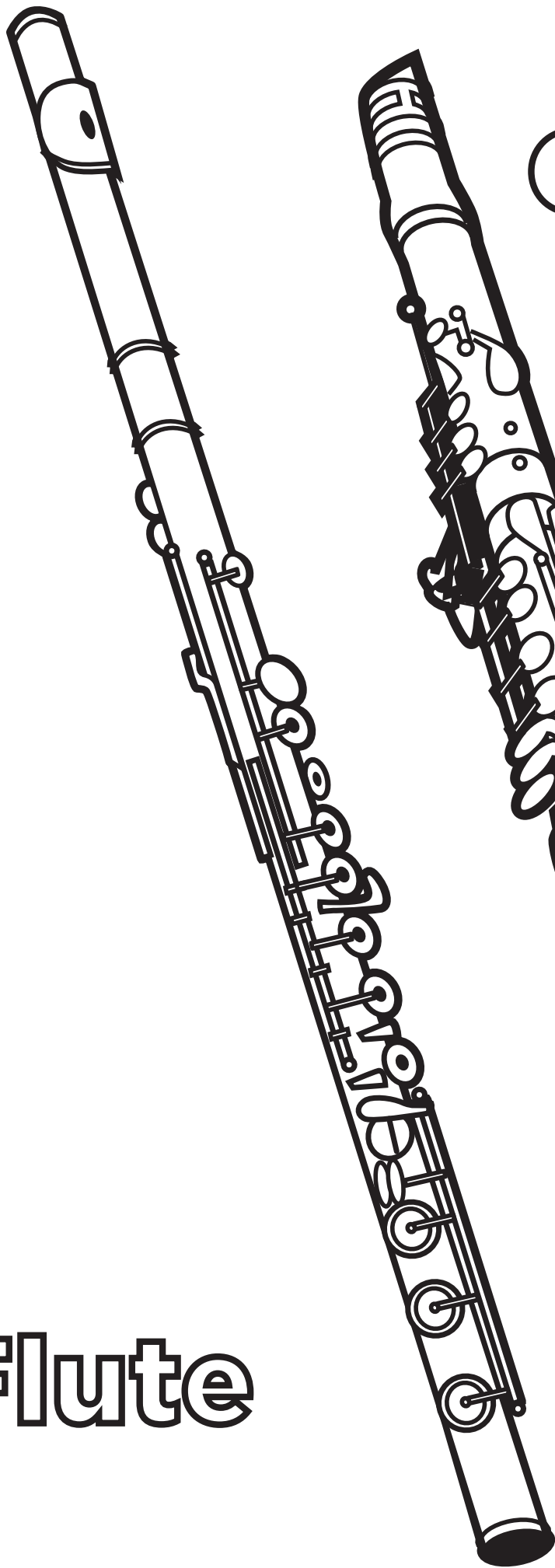
The **piano** is a keyboard instrument. Keyboard instruments have repeating groups of white and black keys that, when pressed, make a sound. When a piano key is pressed, a hammer hits a string to make a sound. But a piano is not considered a string instrument! The piano is a percussion instrument because the sound primarily comes from the hammer.

We hope you enjoy exploring the instruments in this book. Whether it's in a band, orchestra, or choir, we also hope that we see you making music in the future!

Clarinet

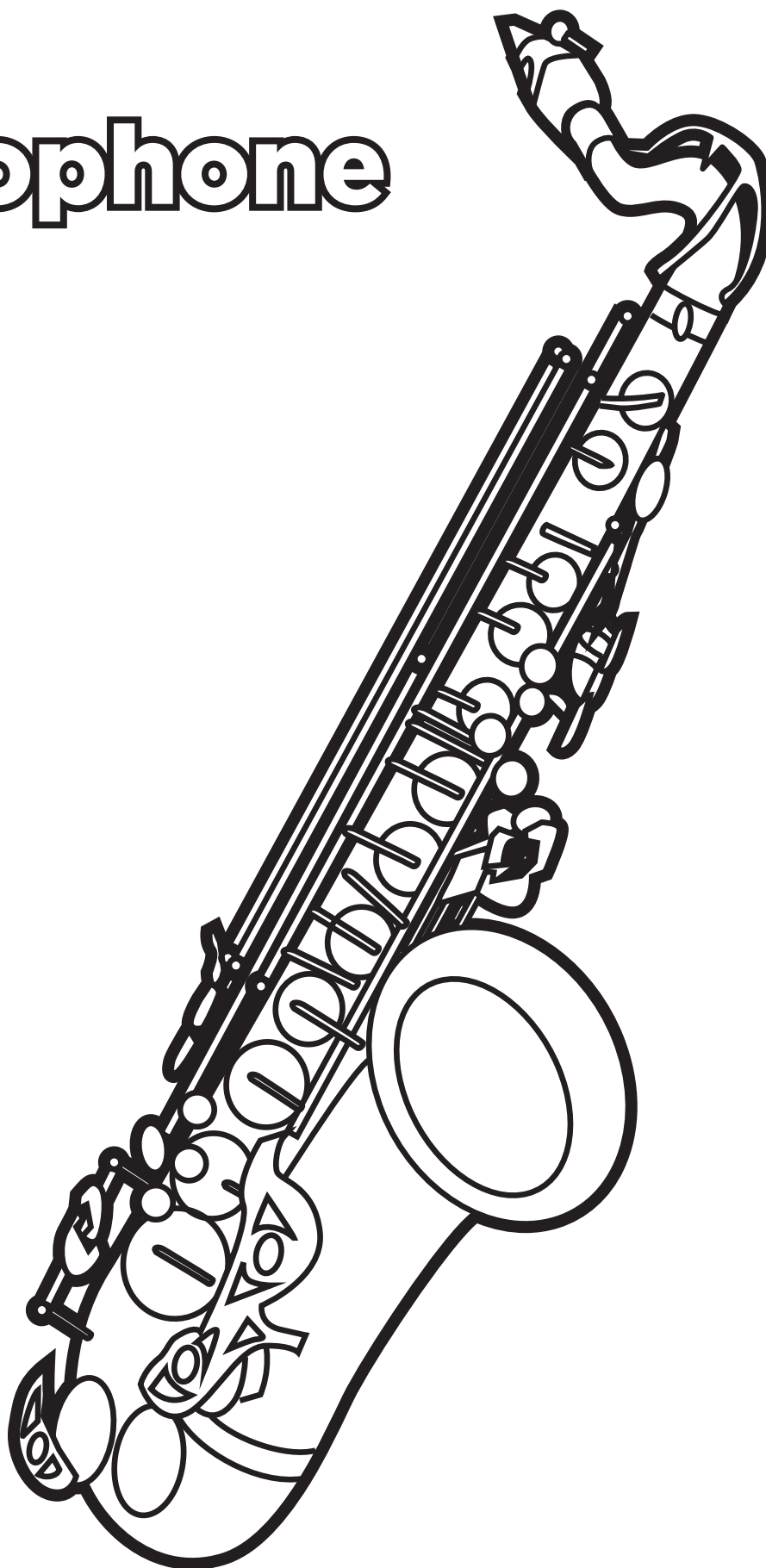


Flute



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Oboe



Bassoon



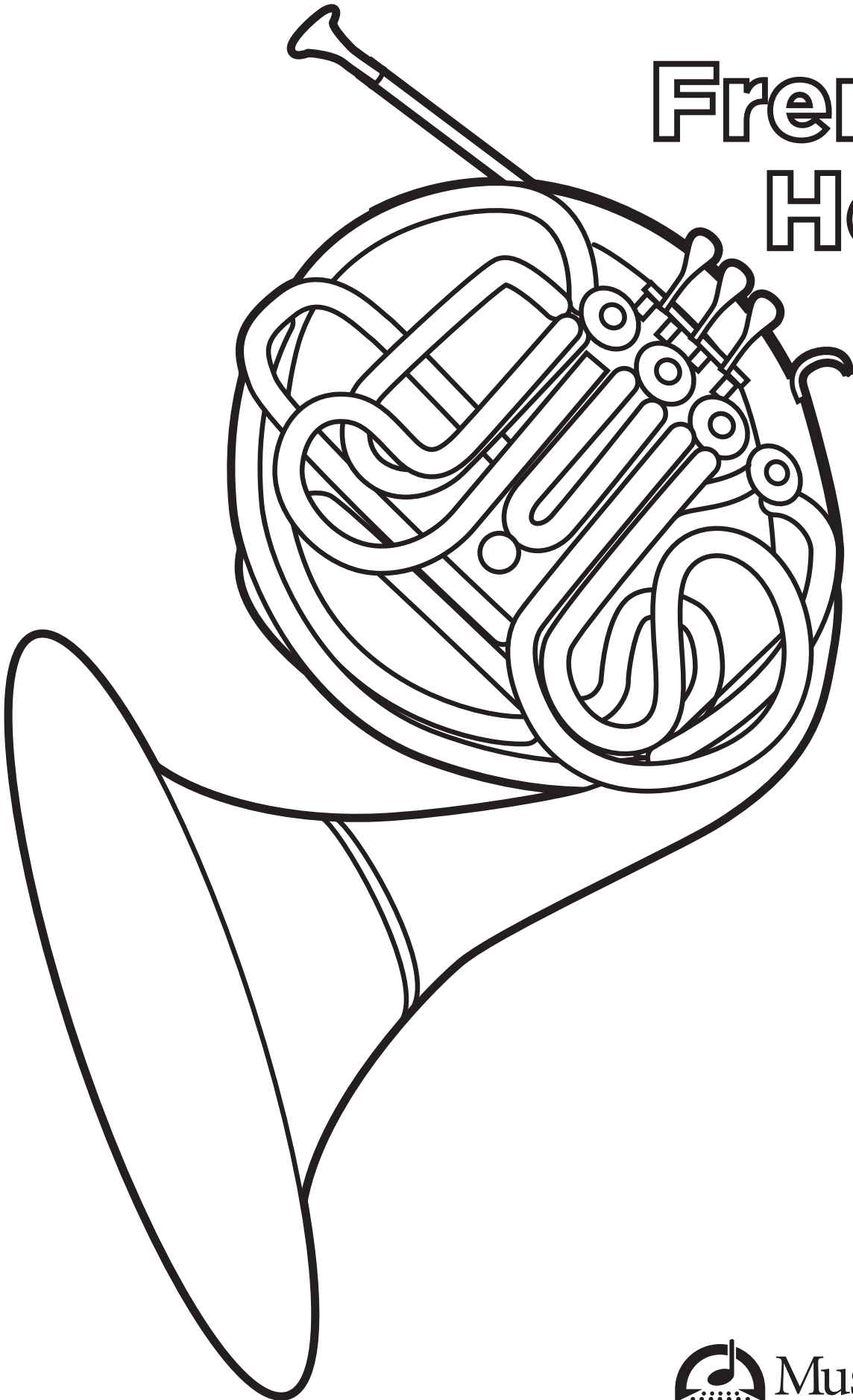
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Trumpet



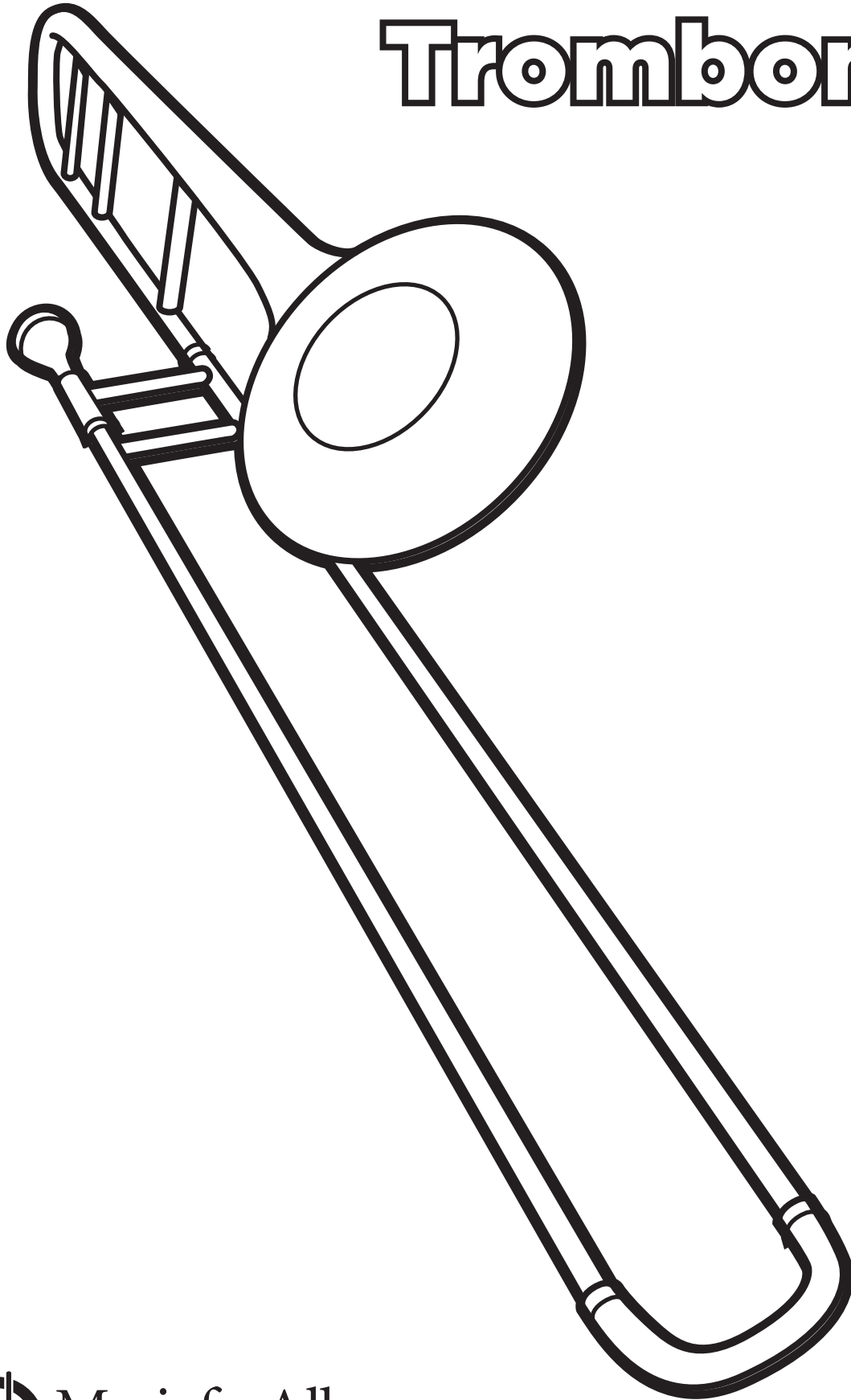
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French Horn



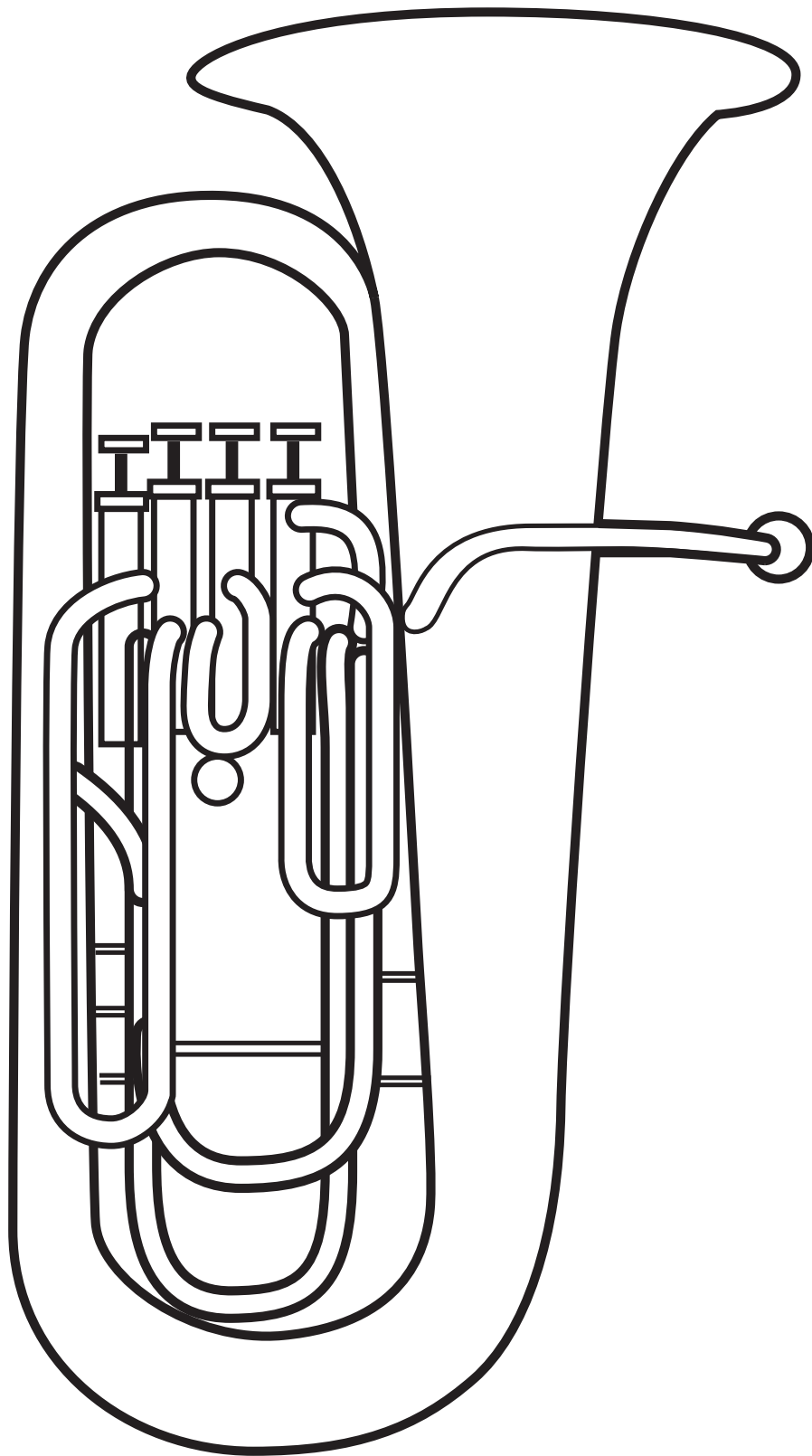
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Trombone



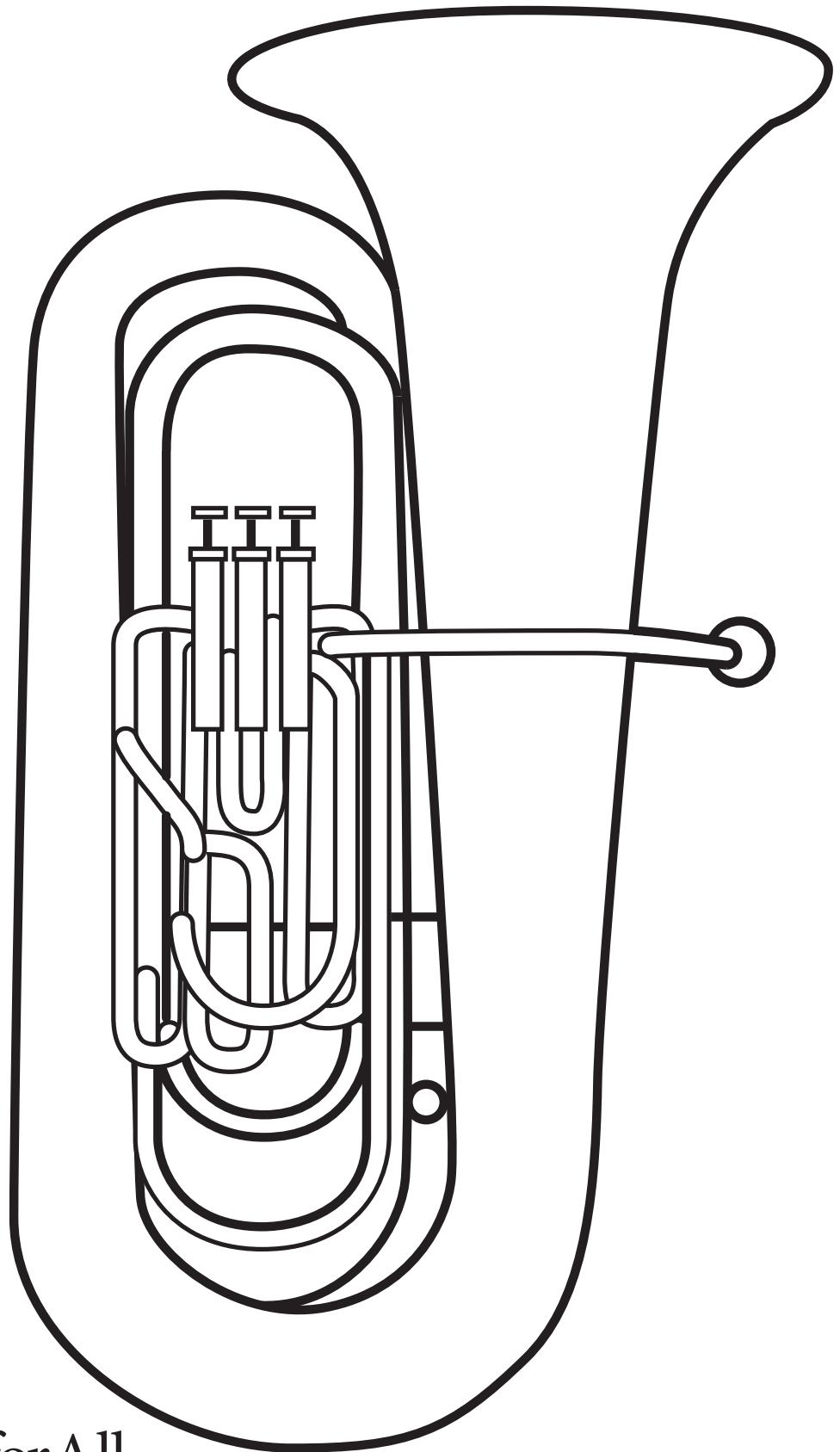
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Euphonium



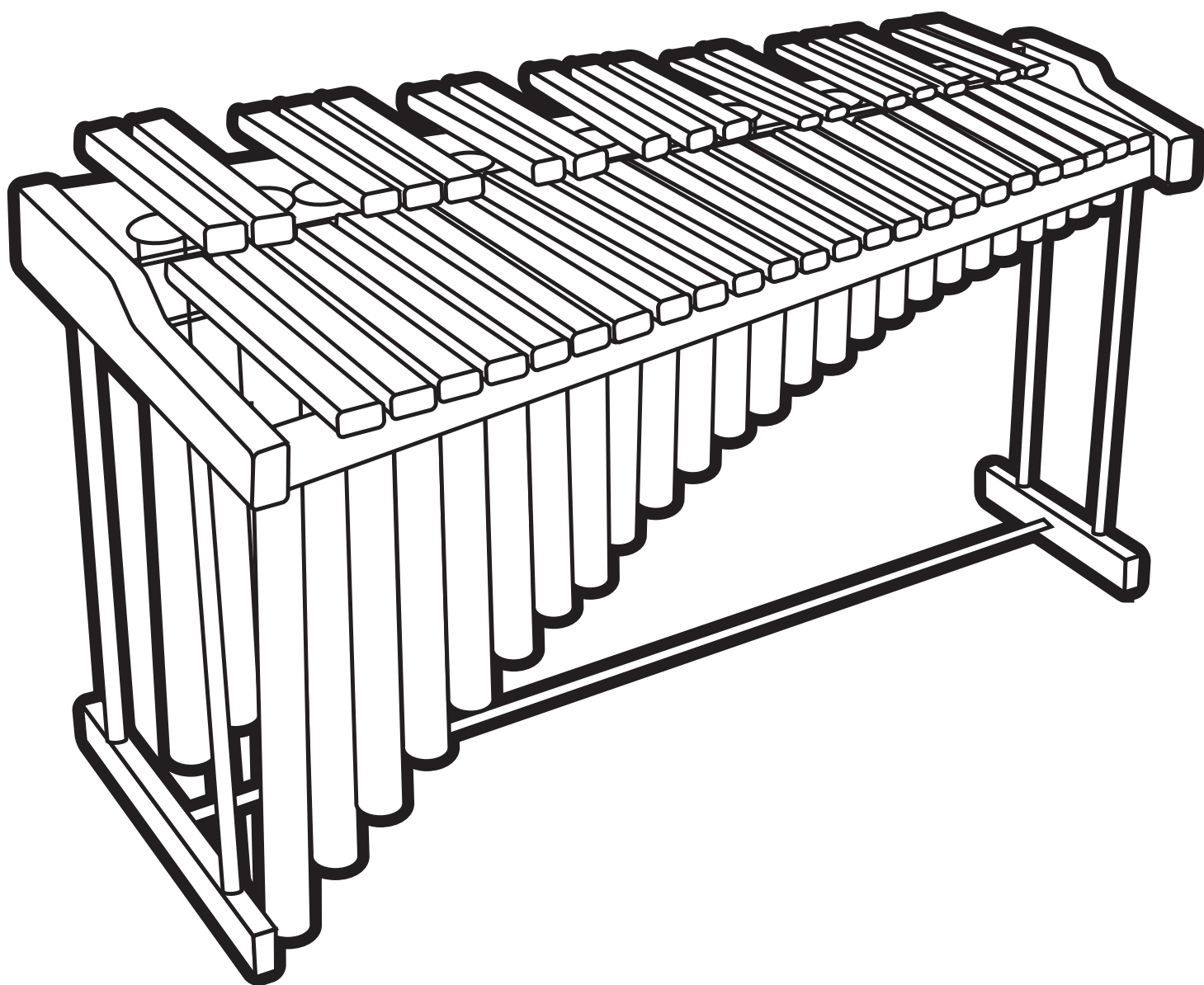
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Tuba

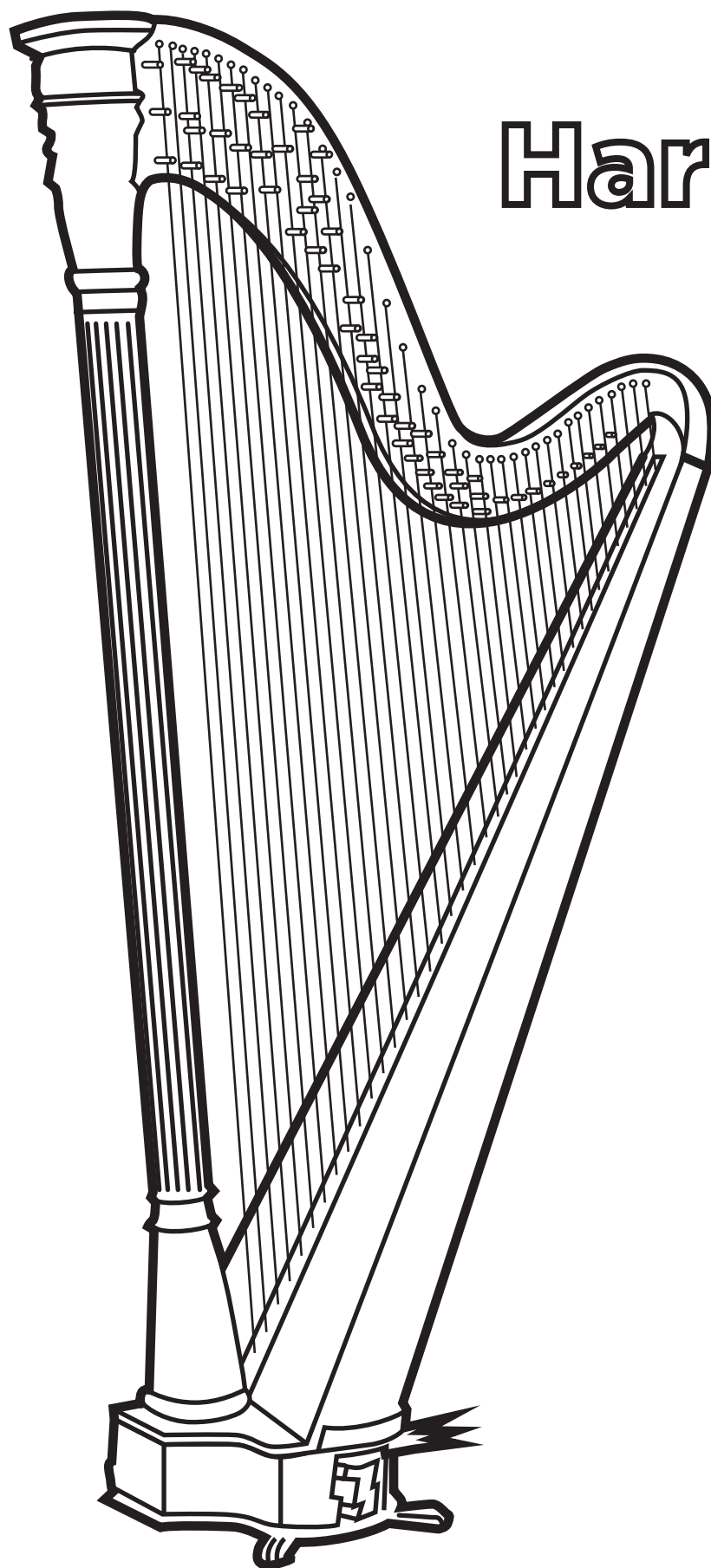


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Marimba

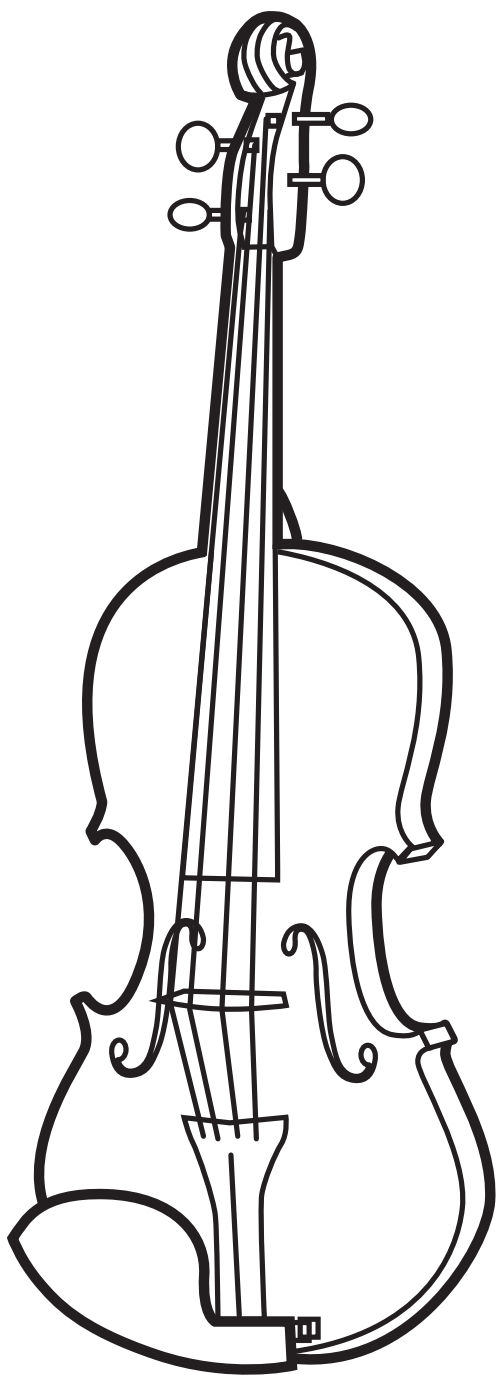


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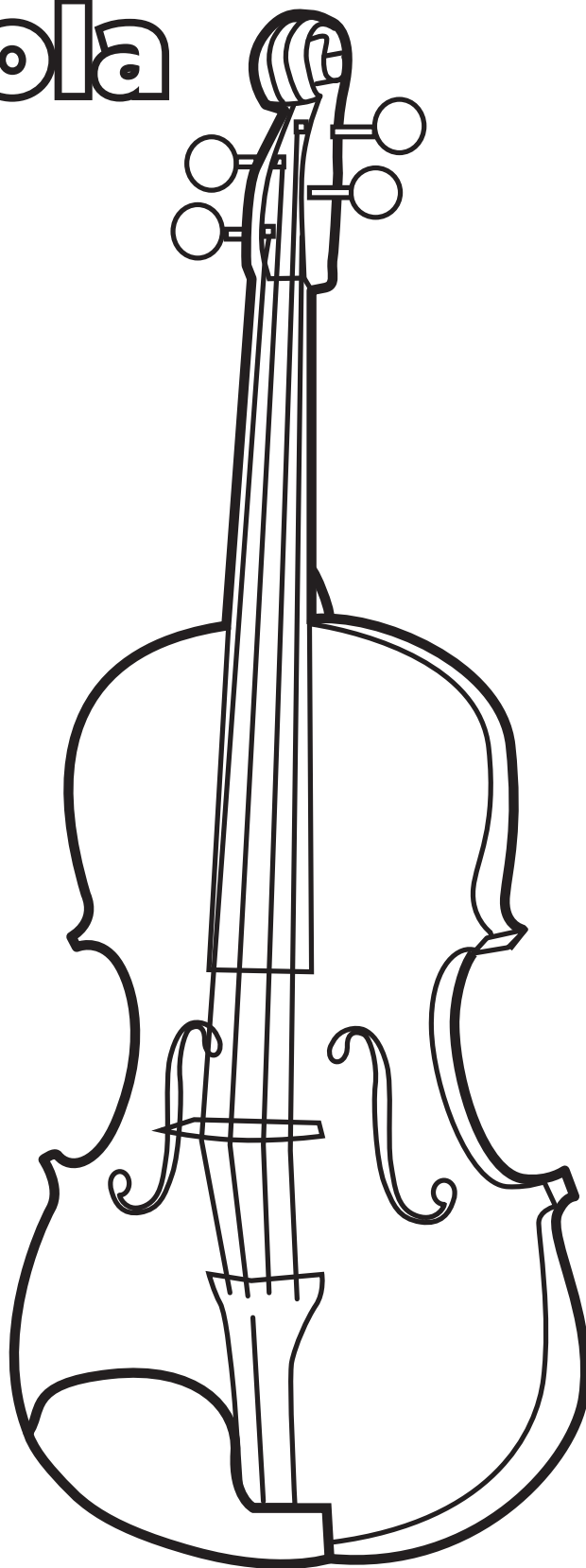


Harp

Violin



Viola

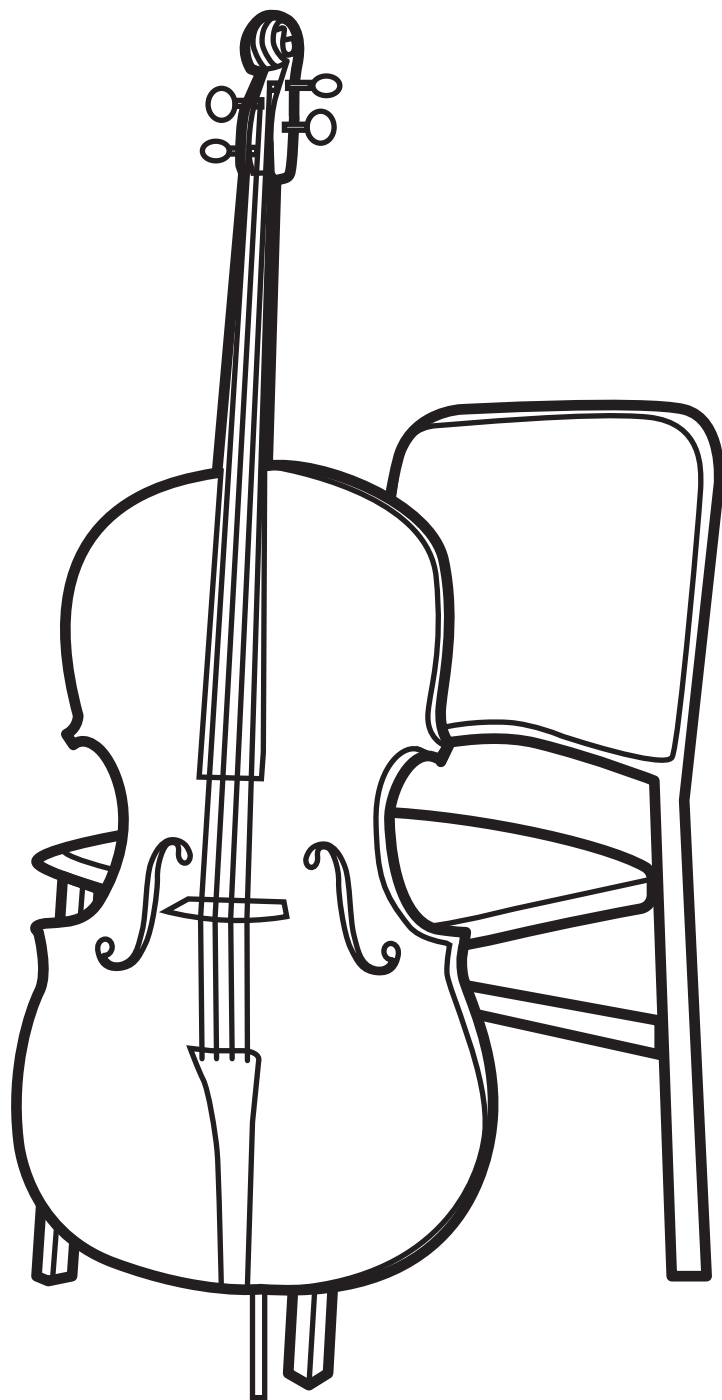


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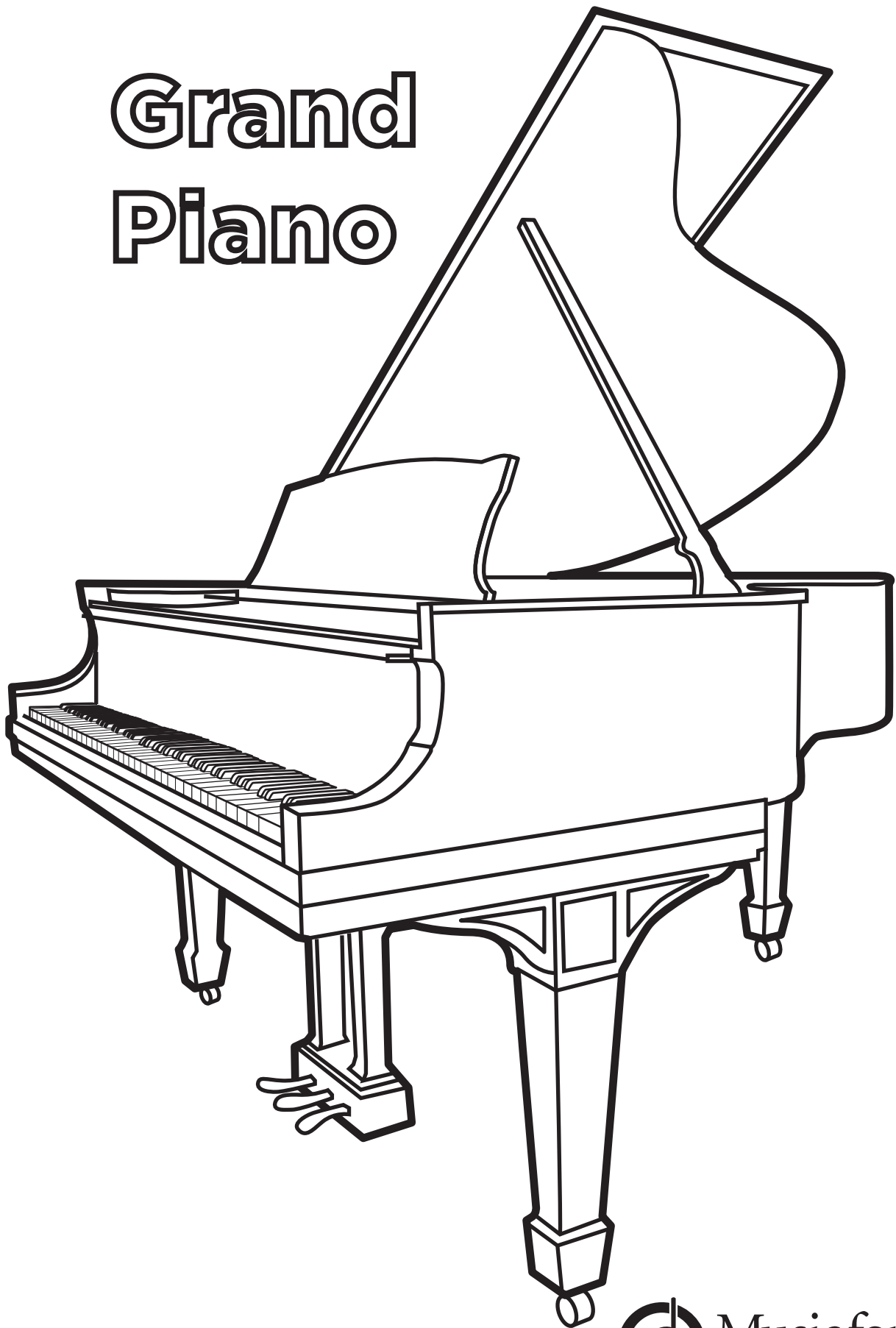
Bass

Cello



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Grand Piano



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What makes a marching band different from other bands?

Marching bands include most of the same instruments as any other band, but some of the instruments come in different forms that make it easier for the musicians to move around the field with them. For example, a **sousaphone** is a tuba that the performer wears over their shoulders. The **drums** that marching bands use are attached to the performer with a harness. These instruments can be heavy to carry around!

Some other performers you may see with a marching band include:

Color Guard – These performers often use flags, other equipment, or dance to create movement adding a visual layer, interpreting the music.

Drum Major – The official conductor of the entire marching band. There are sometimes multiple drum majors working together so the cues and tempos can be seen from anywhere on the field.

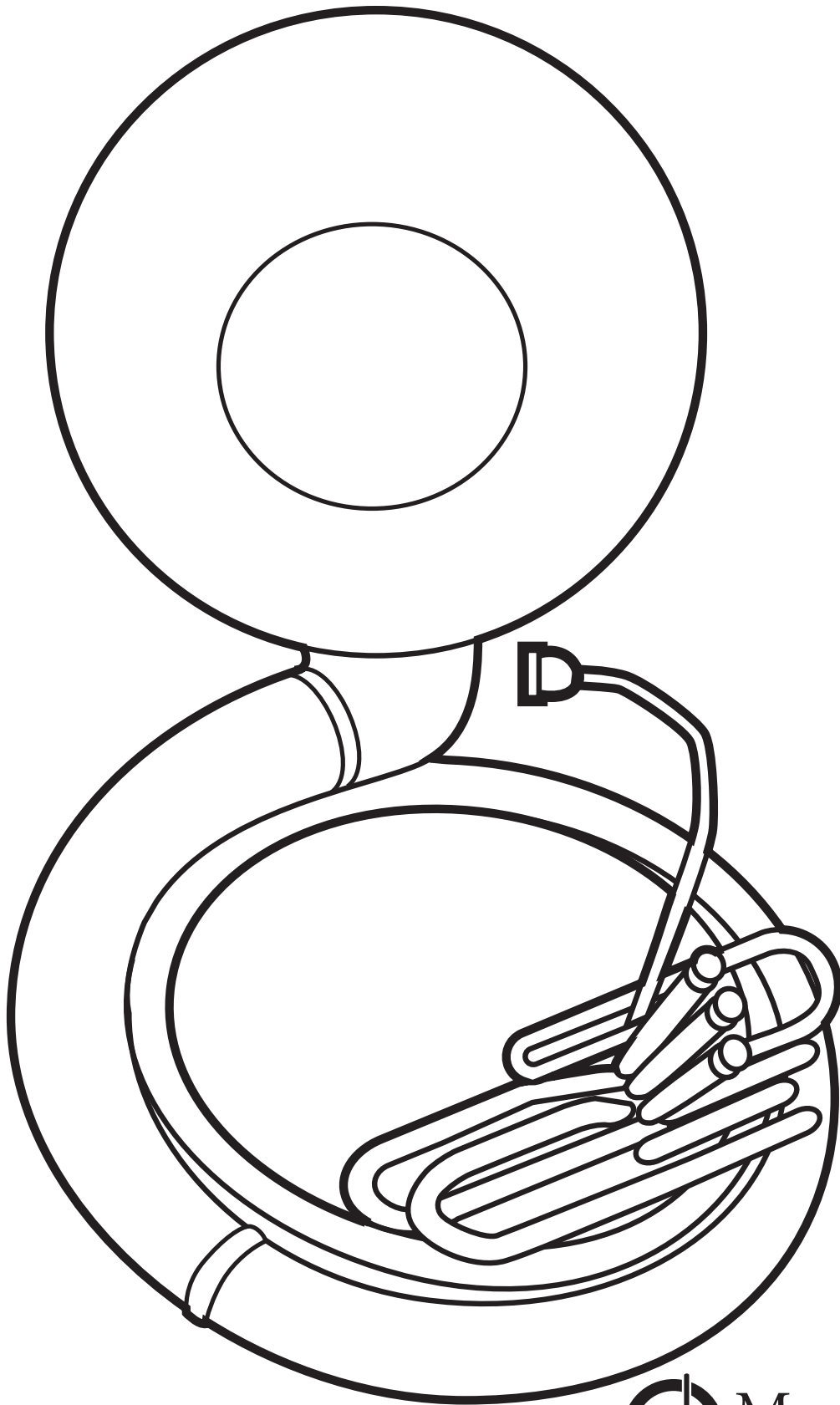
The next time you watch a marching band perform...

What different uniform colors and styles do you see?

Are any musicians playing a solo (part of a song featuring only one musician)?

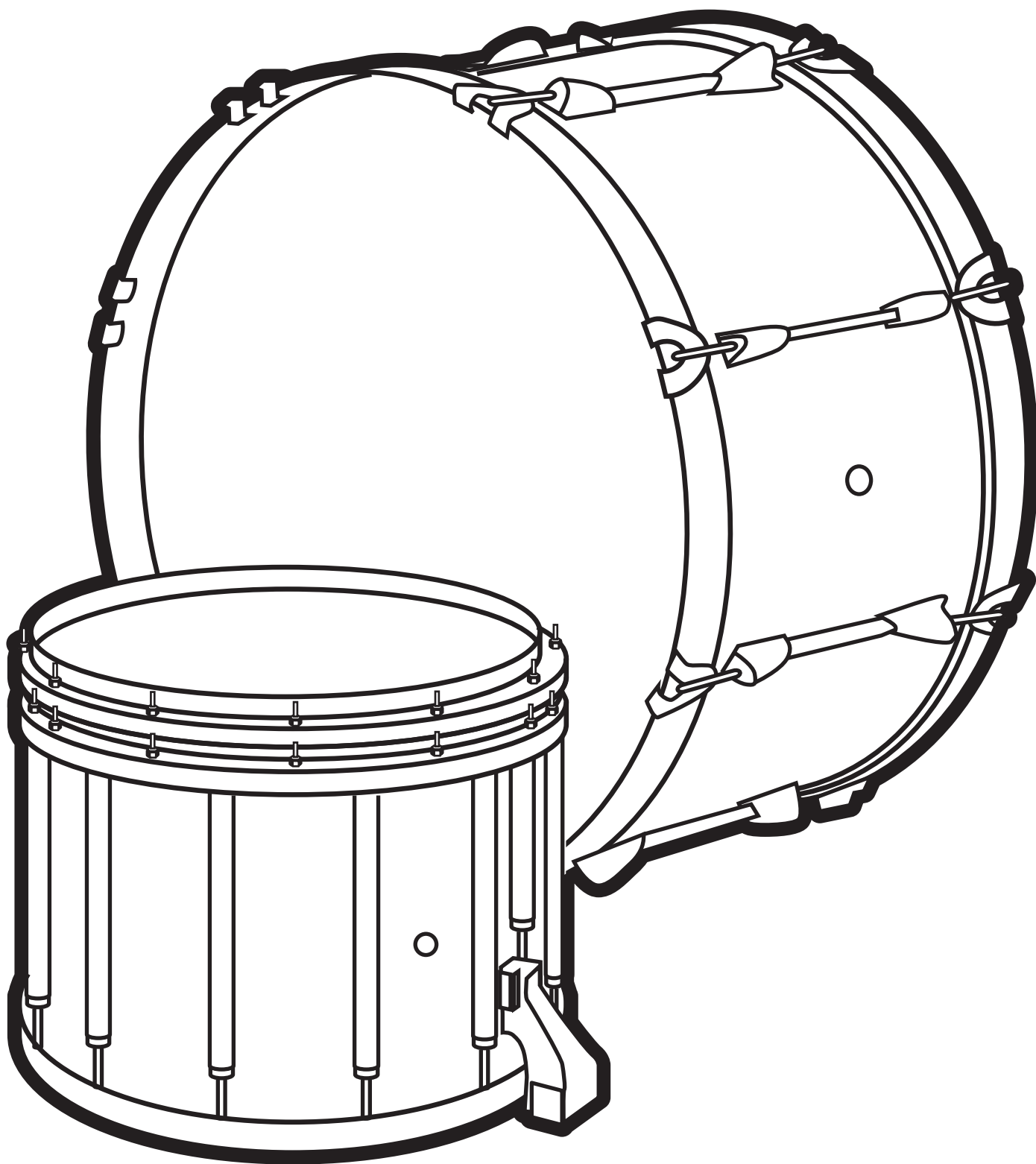
Do you see any interesting props or set pieces?

Sousaphone



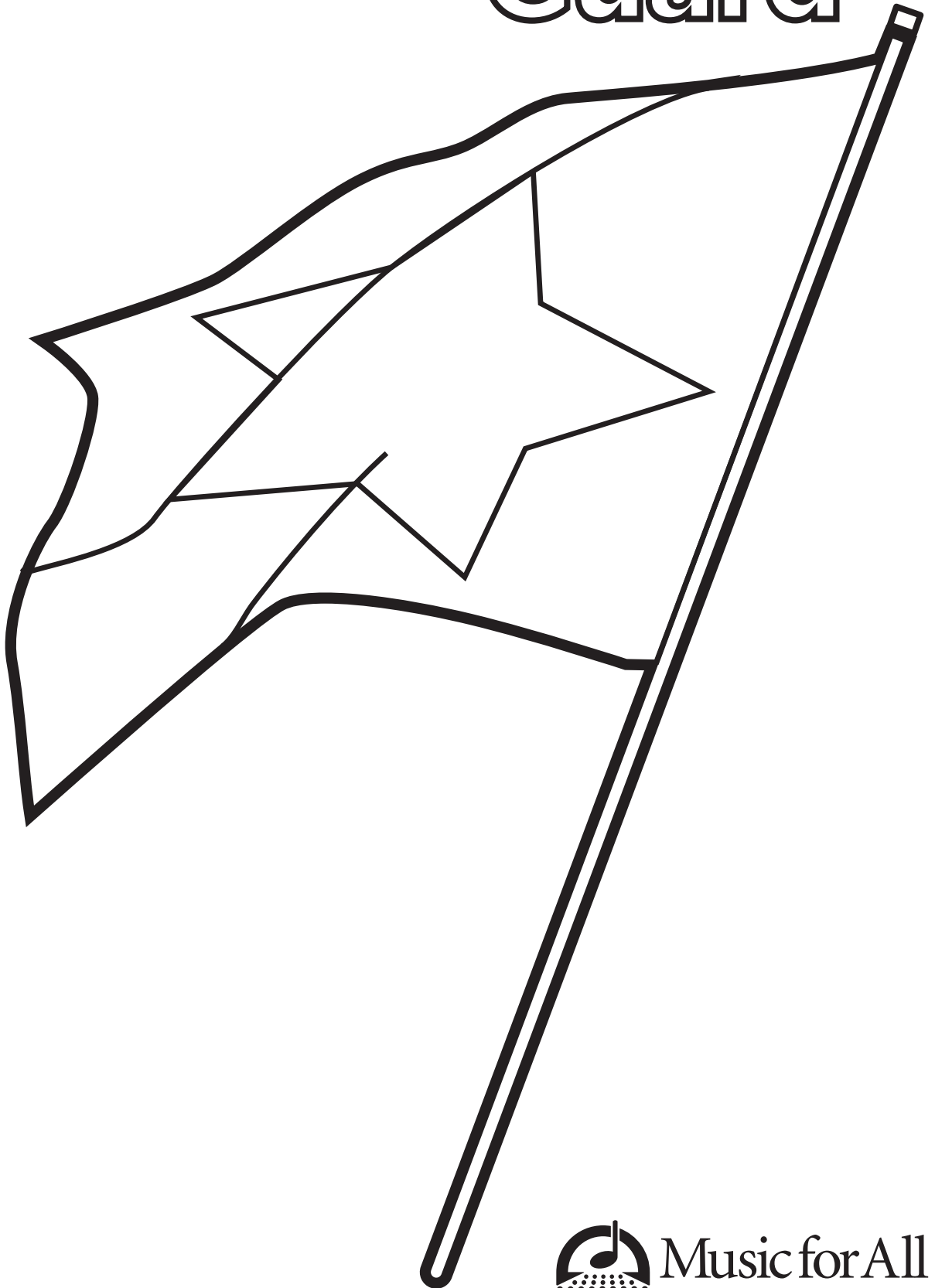
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Drums



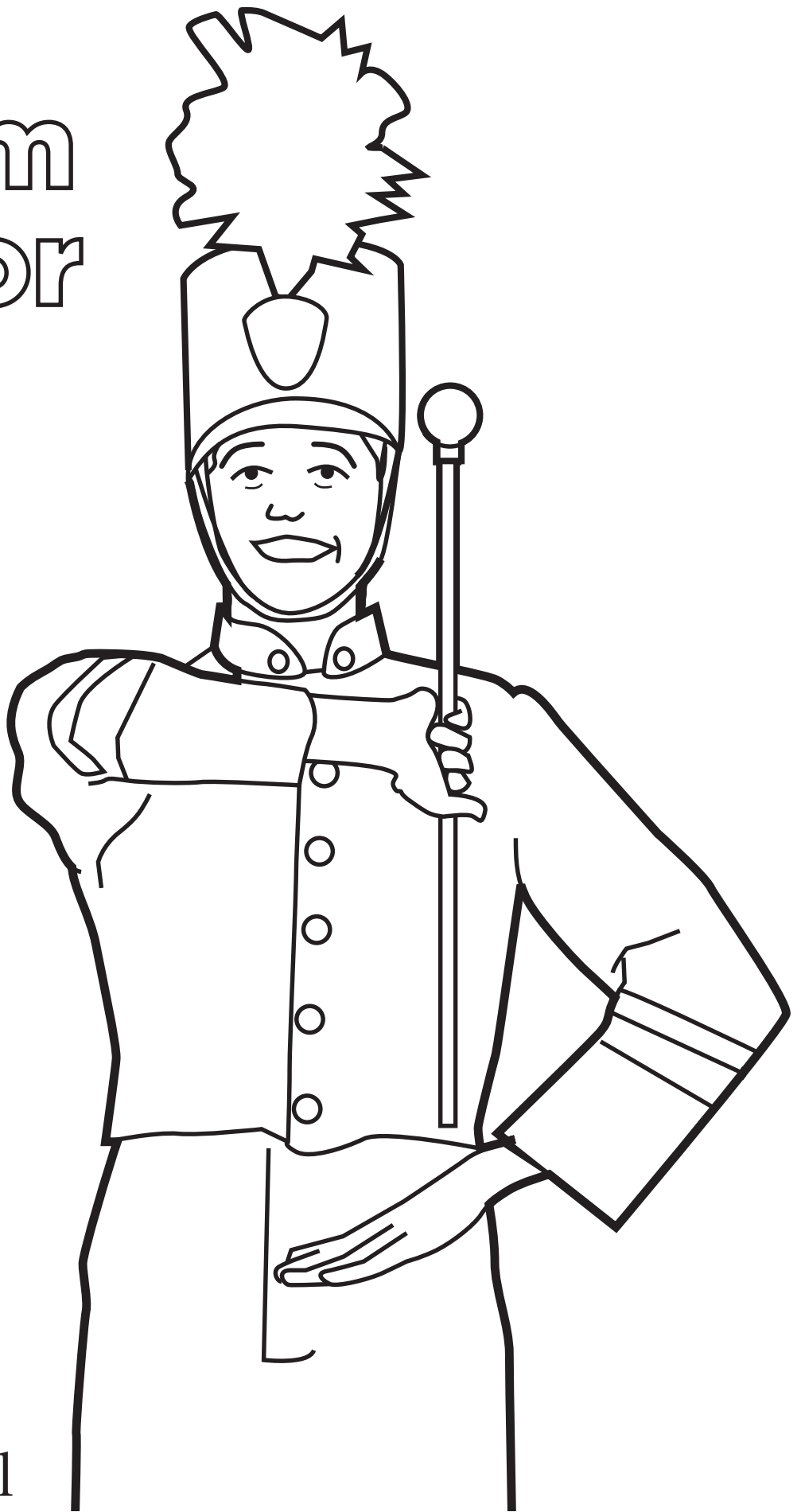
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Color Guard



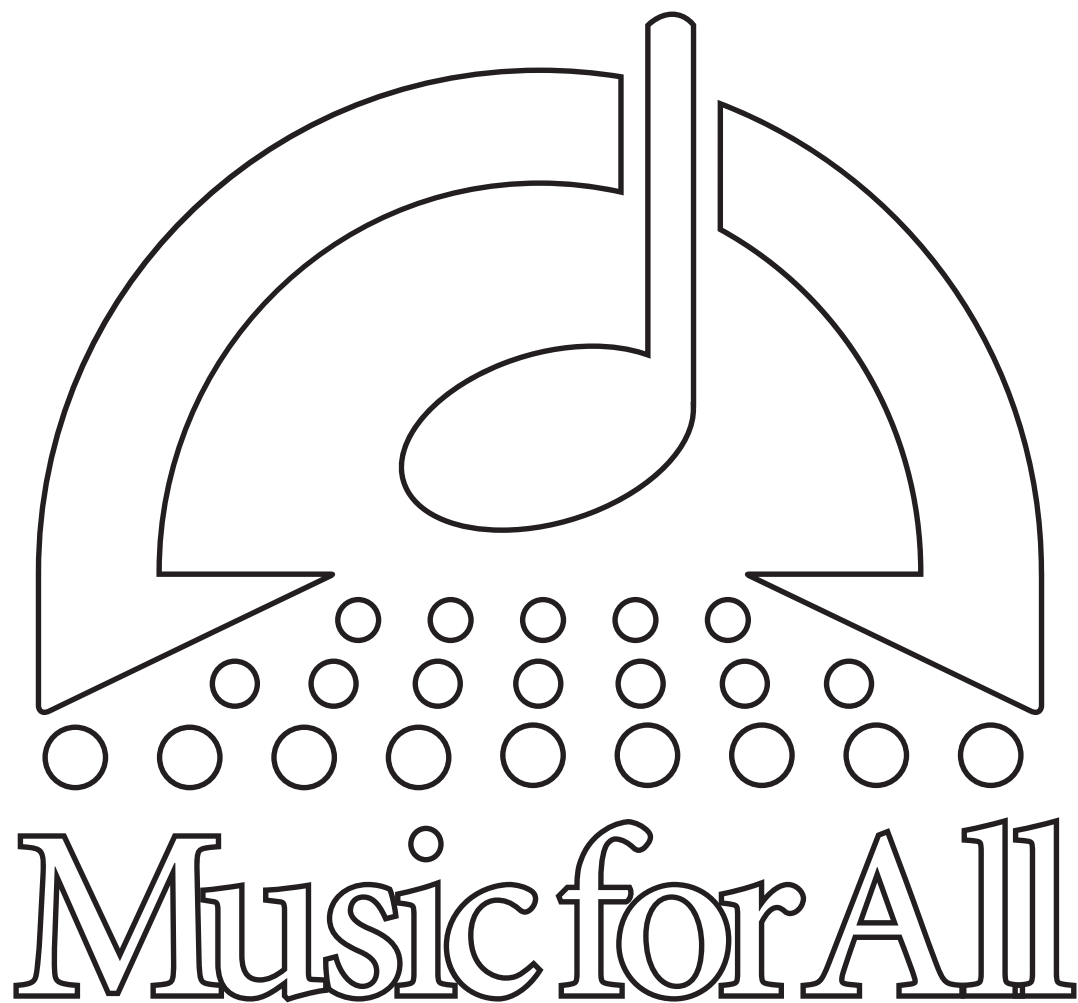
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Drum Major



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Our Mission

Music for All's mission is to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music.

Our Vision

Music for All will be a catalyst to ensure that every child across America has access and opportunity to participate in active music-making in their scholastic environment.

What We Believe

We believe that music and arts education is a core to students' education and must be available to all students. Music for All is an advocate for music and arts education. Our educational programs support the efforts of music teachers on the high school and middle school levels, as well as provide positively life-changing experiences for students.

We use our resources to provide national programs that recognize and support music students' performance and success, offer music educator training and professional development, and deliver tools and resources to participants and their communities that will assist them in supporting music education by promoting awareness of music's impact on student growth and achievement.

