

# Grade 10

# Western Music

## Conventions at an Orchestral Concert

An Orchestra is a sizable instrumental ensemble that contains sections of Strings, Wood wind, Brass wind and Percussion. It is important to watch an orchestral performance to get a clear idea of the do's and don'ts , before, during and at the end of the performance.

They can be noted down in the following manner.

- Acknowledge by clapping when the leader of the orchestra comes on stage after all other performers have taken their seats.
- Acknowledge when the conductor comes on the stage.
- Tuning of all the instruments when the tuning note is sounded by the oboe.



- Stand to attention when the National Anthem is played. Cellist remains seated since the instrument is rested between the knees of the player.
- Applaud only at the end of a complete work (symphony etc) and not after each movement of the work.
- Ask for an Encore.
- Garland the Conductor and the leader of the orchestra. If the leader is a female present her with a bouquet of flowers.
- Performers acknowledge applause by standing.