

Competency	3.0	:Identifies Types, Styles and Characteristics of the different periods in the History of music.
Competency level	3.3	:Defines, describes, listens to and identifies Chamber music compositions.
Activity	3.3.1	:Solo performance up to Quintet

Chamber Music

The following discussion took place in the Western music classroom.



Teacher : Can you see these pictures?

Are these outdoor performances or indoor performances?

Udari : Those are indoor performances, teacher.

Teacher : How many players are there in each picture?

Lalana : There are four people in the first picture, and three in the other.

Teacher : Yes, these music groups have only a small number of performers and it is played in a concert room. We call it **Chamber music**.

* **Chamber music** is a form of classical music that is composed for a small group of instruments—traditionally a group that could fit in to a Palace chamber or a room.

* It began around 17th century. Music was performed in the halls of Royalty and Aristocracy.

* **A composition for a small band and a small audience in a room was known as Chamber music. It is an instrumental music performed by a small group of instruments (2 to 9) with one performer for each part.**

* Pieces of Chamber music usually have names which show the number of players needed.. The most common are Trios, Quartets and Quintets.

Solo	- A composition for one voice or one instrument
Duet	- A composition for 2 voices or 2 instruments
Trio	- A composition for 3 voices or 3 instruments
Quartet	- A composition for 4 voices or 4 instruments
Quintet	- A composition for 5 voices or 5 instruments
String trio	- Violin, Viola, Cello
String quartet	- Two Violins, Viola, Cello
String Quintet	- Two Violins, Two Violas, Cello Two Violins, Viola, Two Cellos Two Violins, Viola, Cello, Double Bass



Solo



Duet



Quintet

Activities

1. Fill in the blanks using the given words.
(string Trio, chamber music, string quartet, duet, soloist)
 - * is the type of music performed by a limited number of performers and in a room with a small audience.
 - * Two players at a piano is called a Piano.....
 - * Composition for Violin, Viola, and Cello is called a.....
 - * A..... is performed by two violins, Viola and Cello.
 - * A performance by a single instrument.....

2. Identify the following pictures and define it.



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