

## **PHRASING AND EXPRESSION**

A phrase is a unit of musical meter that has complete musical sense on its own. Expressive qualities are those elements in music that create change in music that are not related to pitch, rhythm or timbre, and include dynamics and articulation.

Dynamics generally refer to the softness or loudness of a sound or note. Another meaning could also refer to the execution of events in a given piece. Any written or printed musical notation also indicates dynamics.

Articulation is the manner in which the performer applies their technique to execute the sounds or notes. Articulation, in and of itself, generally leaves much room for interpretation.

## **MUSIC TERMS**

The use of the words “music terms”, in its general sense, encompass all terms that are written within a piece of music. These terms include rhythm, phrasing and expression, notation, styles of music, intervals, melody and terms for specific instruments.