

Key concepts

- Holi, the Hindu festival of colour, celebrates the beginning of spring and the triumph of good over evil.
- Holi celebrations include throwing and smearing each other with vibrant, multi-coloured paints and powders.
- Music can be experienced in a more visual way, by associating sounds and rhythms with different colours. This is known as 'synaesthesia'.
- The 'Saltarello' is a musical dance originally from Italy.
- The 'Tarantella' is a group of various folk dances characterized by a fast upbeat tempo.

Key Vocabulary

Synaesthesia

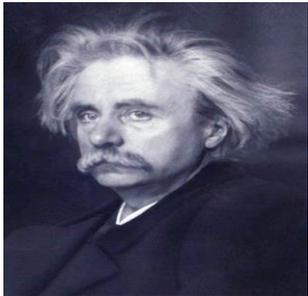
A condition in which one sense (for example, hearing) is simultaneously perceived as if by one or more additional senses such as sight

Blend

(1) merging the sounds of two different instruments (like oboe and clarinet) in such a way that they produce a sound more interesting than the sum of their parts, and (2) the combination of sounds from many instruments into a single, homogenous sound so that no one player or section dominates.

Composer Information

*Edvard Grieg*



1843 – 1907

A composer who was a founder of the Norwegian nationalist school of music. His father, Alexander Grieg, was British consul at Bergen. He is best known for his Piano Concerto in A minor and 'Peer Gynt'.

*Bedrich Smetena*



2 March 1824 – 12 May 1884

A Czech composer who pioneered the development of a musical style that became closely identified with his country's aspirations to independent statehood.

*Felix Mendelssohn*



3 February 1809 – 4 November 1847

A German composer, pianist, organist and conductor of the early Romantic period. His compositions include symphonies, concertos, piano music and chamber music.

Things to do at home

*Research:*

Who was the most famous English composer around at a similar time to those you have learned about?

What was his most famous composition?

