



# LONG BEACH SYMPHONY

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## The Elements of Music

To learn about the music of the Symphony, it's best to identify the fundamental elements of music which individually are quite simple. Below, we've listed these elements and provided a comprehensive definition of each.

**Tempo** is the speed at which music moves.

**Melody** is a line of notes that embody a collection of musical sentences.

**Harmony** is when you can hear two or more pitches at once.

**Rhythm** is the pattern of how notes are played or sung.

**Pitch** is how high or low a note can sound.

**Dynamics** are how loud or soft a note can sound.

**Texture** is the layering of different voices or instruments.

**Timbre** is a description of sound, usually referring to the instruments being played.

**Form** is the structure or organization of musical sections, which helps give the listener a sense of direction.

