

Renaissance Polyphony Review

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Answer the questions below based on what you've learned about Renaissance polyphony and its characteristics.

1. What does polyphony mean in music?

- A. One sound
- B. Many sounds
- C. A type of instrument

2. What are some unique characteristics of Renaissance choral music?

3. Renaissance polyphony allows for multiple ____ to create a rich musical texture.

4. Polyphonic music is the same as Gregorian chant.

- True False

5. How is polyphony similar to people talking together?

6. Why is the style of Renaissance polyphony important in worship?

- A. It is easier to sing
- B. It allows for more complex expression of praise
- C. It only uses one voice

7. Psalm 150:3-5 encourages us to praise God with various ____ and instruments.

8. Renaissance composers created simple musical lines without much complexity.

- True False

9. What makes polyphonic music special compared to earlier church music?

10. Which of the following instruments is mentioned in Psalm 150:3-5 for praising God?

- A. Drum
- B. Flute
- C. Trumpet

Answer Key

1. Many sounds 2. Renaissance choral music features multiple independent melodies and creates a rich texture. It often has intricate harmonies and blends different voice parts. 3. melodies 4. False 5. Polyphony is like people talking together because each voice adds its own unique part, creating a conversation. Just like in a discussion, each person contributes their ideas, making the overall

experience richer. 6. It allows for more complex expression of praise. 7. instruments. 8. False. 9. Polyphonic music is special because it has multiple melodies that can be sung at the same time, creating a fuller and more complex sound. Earlier church music, like Gregorian chant, only had one main melody. 10. Trumpet.