



# Open Rehearsals with Lido

## Program Notes Vocabulary



Allegro- a fast musical tempo

Broken Chord- a musical chord that is played one note at a time, instead of all at once

Climax- the highest or most intense point of a piece

Dies Irae- (dee-ays ee-ray) "Day of Wrath" in English; an old chant melody composers used in requiem masses and other pieces associated with death

Double Stop- when a string player plays two strings at a time with the bow; they can also play triple and quadruple stops

English Horn- a member of the woodwind family that uses a double reed; a close cousin to the oboe

Finale- the end of the piece; sometimes an entire movement

Gypsy Scales- scales that Western musicians associate with gypsy music; they sound exotic to us

Idée fixe- (ee-day feex) "fixed idea" in English; a recurring musical theme that may represent an extra-musical idea, such as a person, place, or idea; can be present in multiple movements to tie an entire piece together

Largo- a slow musical tempo

Motif- a musical theme

Obligato- a musical phrase repeated consecutively for a long period

Pastoral- themes of idyllic love in rural settings, generally with rustic youth and beautiful maidens interacting with mythological figures



English Horn

Pizzicato- when a string player plucks the strings with their fingers instead of playing them with a bow

Rhapsodic- lyrical or romantic

Romantic Period- (1820-1900) A period of music characterized by larger symphonic compositions that were more passionate and expressive than the structured compositions of the Classical Period that preceded it

Subject- the main melody of a piece, which is developed throughout the piece to create many variations and other musical ideas

Timpani- large pitched drums made of either copper or fiberglass with an animal skin (real or artificial) stretched over the top; generally come in a set of two or more, and are tuned to play specific notes

Tzigane- (see-gahn) the French word for "gypsy"

Virtuoso- an extremely talented musician who can play very difficult works

Waltz- a dance in  $\frac{3}{4}$  time