

Vocab 4

- Aria - a solo in an opera
- Art music - music written by a trained composer unpassed or in written form
- Embellishment - melodic decoration, either improvised or indicated by signs in the music
- Libretto - the text of an opera
- Lied - ~~solo song~~ German for song; commonly associated with a solo art song
- Trill - Melodic ornament consisting of a rapid alternation between one note and the one above it
- Focused tone - acoustically efficient without noise interference
- Vibrato - fluctuation of pitch used as an expressive device to intensify a sound
- Tremolo - vocal vibrato that's undesirable
- Song cycle - group of songs ~~that~~ that are unified musically
- Scat - jazz style that sets syllables with meaning to an improvised vocal line
- Crooning - smooth tone that is light in intensity
- Belcanto - beautiful singing

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Vocabulary Quiz #4 – Provide the vocabulary word in the blank below the definition.

1. The text of an opera or oratorio.

Art song

2. Small fluctuation of pitch used as an expressive device to intensify a sound.

vibrato

3. A singing tone that is acoustically efficient and without audible air in the tone.

trill

4. Literally “beautiful singing”: Italian style characterized by flowing melodic lines delivered by voices of great agility, smoothness and purity of tone.

bel canto

5. A solo song performed in an opera or oratorio.

Aria

6. German for “song”; most commonly associated with the nineteenth century. Usually accompanied by piano.

Lied

7. Music written by a trained composer and passed on in written form.

Operetta

8. A style of singing popular during the Big Band era characterized by a smooth tone that is light in intensity. Sometimes scoops or slides into pitches.

Crooning

9. A jazz style that sets syllables without meaning to an improvised vocal line.

Scat singing

10. An excessive, wider fluctuation of pitch that is not normally desirable in the human voice. It often sounds uncontrolled, producing a “wobble” in the voice.

~~tremolo~~ tremolo