

Vocal 6

Acappella - vocal music without accompaniment

Blend - 1. combination of voices singing so you can't hear individuals. 2. Smooth transitions between the registers.

Balance - an ensemble singing together in a way that each part has its importance within the piece

Chorale - Baroque congregational hymn of the German Lutheran church. Describes a singing group

Dissonance - combo of notes that sound unstable, in need of resolution

SATB - shorthand for soprano, alto, tenor, bass

Mass - choral composition set to the text of the central Roman Catholic Church

Sacred - religious / spiritual; for church / devotional use

Oratorio - large scale dramatic choral work originating in Baroque; based on religious / serious text, performed by solo voices, choir and orchestra, an opera without scenery or costumes. Handel's Messiah

Gospel Music - 20th century sacred style associated with Protestant African-American church.

Voice leading - the motion of a single
voice