

Concerto Grosso

A piece for small orchestra, composed by Errollyn Wallen

Fill in the blanks after watching the video.

Errollyn Wallen is a British (1)_____ and performer living and working today. She has written over twenty (2)_____, plus many works for (3)_____. She was the first black woman to have her work featured in the (4)_____ concerts. (5)_____ music was the dominant style of music that was written between 1600 to 1750. A concerto (6)_____ is a form of Baroque music in which musical material is passed between a small group of (7)_____ and the full orchestra. In this piece, the three soloists are playing the (8)_____, the (9)_____ and the (10)_____.

Discussion questions

What is interesting about the form of the *Concerto Grosso*?

What were some of the devices and musical elements that Errollyn Wallen used in this composition?

How would you describe this music to others?

If this music was used in a movie, what would be happening on the screen?