



## The Makaton Charity

### Word list of symbols and signs in Performing Arts

#### Abbreviations Key:

CV	Core Vocabulary
*	Signs Only
+	Symbols Only

Act, to	Clarinet
Action (camera, action, go)	Class (generic)
Actor	Classical Music
Audience	Claves
Back Drop	Communication
Ballerina	Compose, to
Ballet	Conduct, to
Ballet Dancer	Conductor
Band / Marching Band	Control, to (self)
Band / Pop Band	Cool Down, to (exercises)
Band / School Band	Copy, to
Bassoon	Corpes-de-Ballet
Beat, a	Costume (1) (female)
Beat, to	Costume (2) (male)
Beater / Metronome	Country and Western Music
Bell (hand)	Crawl, to
Bell (Indian)	Crescendo
Black Out / Dark	Curved (body)
Blindfold	Cymbal (hand)
Bow, a	Cymbal (stand)
Brass Family	Dance, to
Camera (theatre camera and tripod)	Dark / Black Out
Cannon (dancers doing the same but moving across stage)	Design, to
Celebrate, to	Didgeridoo
Character / Role	Director (theatrical)
Chime Bar	Downstage
Choreograph, to	Drama
Choreographer	Drama Class
	Dream, to

Drum, a	Mix, to (music)
Drummer	Movement
Exercise, to	Music
Exercises / Warm up, to	Music Stand
Flute	Musical Note
Folk Music	Musical Notes
Follow, to	Musician (generic)
Frame (1) (film)	Oboe
Frame (2) (theatre)+	Orchestra
Freeze Frame	Partner (generic)
Freeze, to (action / hold position)	Partnership / Working Together
Glockenspiel	Pattern (body shape)
Group	Pause
Guitar (acoustic)	Percussion
Guitar (electric)	Performance (1) (music)+
Guitarist	Performance (2) (music)
Hate, to	Performance (3) (dance)
Hot Seat (main person)	Performance (4) (drama)
Image / Visualisation	Performing Arts
Instruments (musical)	Piano (grand)
Jazz Music	Piano (upright)
Journey / Travel / Route	Picture, to / Visualise, to
Keyboard (music)	Plan, to
Language (of the theatre)	Point, to (hand / arm)
Latin American Music	Point, to (leg / foot)
Lead Singer	Pop Band / Band
Lead, to	Pop Music
Leader (generic)	Practice, to / Rehearse, to
Leader+	Pretend, to
Learn, to	Production, a
Lie Down, to	Props
Lift, to (a person or self)	Puppet (1) (glove)
Lights (theatre)	Puppet (2) (string)
Like, to	Questions
Lines (script)	Quiet
Loud	Record Music, to
Love, to	Recorder
Make-Up	Recording Studio
Maracas	Reggae Music
Marching Band / Band	Rehearse, to / Practice, to
Melody, a / Tune, a	Repeat (1), to
Metronome / Beater	Repeat (2), to+
Microphone	Rhythm
Microphone Stand	Rhythm Sticks
Mime, to	Role
Mirror, to (other person's actions)	Role / Character

Route / Journey / Travel  
School Band / Band  
Script  
Shaker  
Share, to  
Sing, to  
Singer  
Song, a  
Sound Effect  
Soundbeam  
Spoken Lines  
Stage  
Stage Left  
Stage Right  
Stage Voice  
Statue, a (hold still as a statue)  
Still (stand still)  
Straight On, to go  
Straight Upwards\*  
String Family  
Studio (1) (dance)\*  
Take Turns, to  
Tambour  
Tambourine  
Tambourine (2)\*

Teach Drama, to  
Texture (layering music)  
Theatre  
Theme (musical)  
Timpani  
Together  
Travel / Route / Journey  
Travel Downstage, to  
Travel Stage Left, to  
Travel Stage Right, to  
Travel Upstage, to  
Triangle  
Tune, a / Melody, a  
Tune, to  
Upstage  
Violin  
Visualisation / Image  
Visualise, to / Picture, to  
Warm up, to / Exercises  
Wigs  
Woodwind Family  
Working Together / Partnership  
World Music  
Written Lines\*  
Xylophone