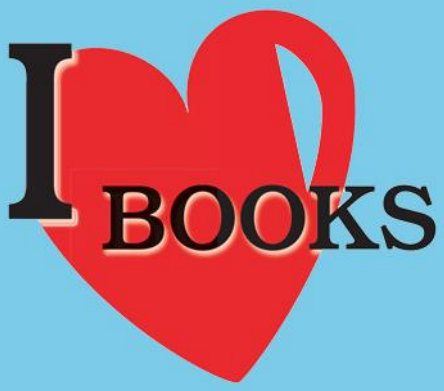



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Have you ever heard an orchestra?
It's made up of lots of different musicians, but they
all play at the same time to make one amazing big sound.

Before they start, everybody tunes
up to get ready. It sounds like this.



Here are some of the wind
musicians rehearsing. They
play their instruments by
blowing into them.




When they play together,
it sounds like this.

Now listen to some of the strings.
You play them with a stick called a bow.



These people are playing violins.

These are violas – slightly bigger than a violin.

There are bigger stringed instruments too. They make lower sounds, like this.



These are cellos...
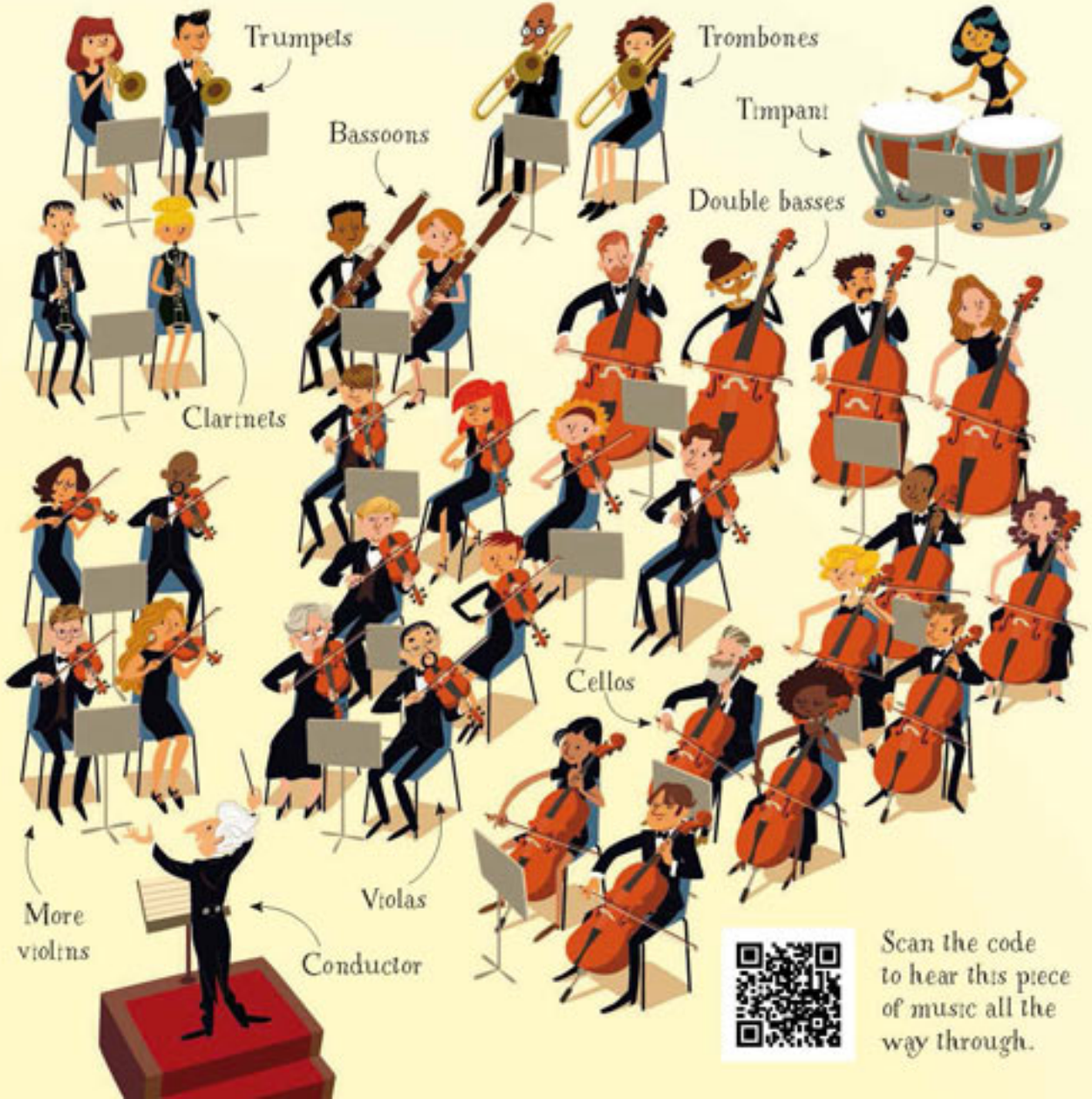
...and these are double basses.

All the musicians have finished rehearsing and it's time for the whole orchestra to play a concert.

The conductor stands at the front to help everyone play at the same time.

The audience goes quiet, he raises his hands, and then...







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