

Music Notation

WORD

DEFINITION

notation	visual symbols for music and sound (AKA dots and lines)
dynamics	symbols used to indicate the loudness or softness of the music
crescendo	to gradually get louder ("cresc.")
decrescendo	to gradually get softer ("decrec.")
articulation	directions to a performer through symbols in music to indicate <i>how</i> to perform note attacks, durations, and conclusions
staccato	notes performed short and detached
legato	notes performed smooth and connected
marcato	notes performed strongly accented, as in a march-like style
accent	to stress or emphasize a note
accelerando	to gradually get faster. Sometimes marked " <i>acc.</i> "
ritardando	to gradually slow down. Sometimes marked " <i>rit.</i> "

