

Grade 2 Performance Directions

Grade 2 Italian Terms	Definition
a	at, by, for, in the style of, to
al, alla	to the, in the manner of
allargando	broadening
andantino	slightly faster than andante
assai	very
con, col	with
dolce	sweet, soft
e, ed	and
espressivo / express. / espr.	expressive
fortepiano	loud, then immediately soft
giocoso	playful, merry
grave	very slow, solemn
grazioso	graceful
larghetto	rather slow (not as slow as largo)
largo	slow, stately
ma	but
maestoso	majestic
meno	less
molto	very, much
mosso, moto	movement

non	not
più	more
presto	fast
senza	without
sforzando / zforzato	forced, accented
simile / sim.	in the same way
sostenuto	sustained
tenuto	held
troppo	too much
vivace, vivo	lively, quick
	staccatissimo - play the note as briefly as possible, more detached and accented
	marcato - play the note more accented and forceful
	tentuto - play the note with a slight pressure
	semi-staccato - play the notes slightly separated but less than staccato notes