2021-2022 Multiple Choice Quiz SAMPLE

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13. Concerto
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2. Steady beat
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4. *Ostinato*
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6. What is the name of a French social dance for two people, usually in 3/4 time (three beats per measure)?
7. Minuet
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11. What style of jazz, popular in the 1030s, was performed by Big Bands and used for dancing?
12. Scat
13. Improvisation
14. Jazz combo
15. Swing
16. What word means to hire and pay a composer to compose a piece of music?
17. Choreography
18. Commission
19. Presidential Medal of Freedom
20. Composer in Residence
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22. **Scheherazade**
23. *Rondo*
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26. Which composer, the most prolific female composer of band music, has won three Emmy Awards?
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