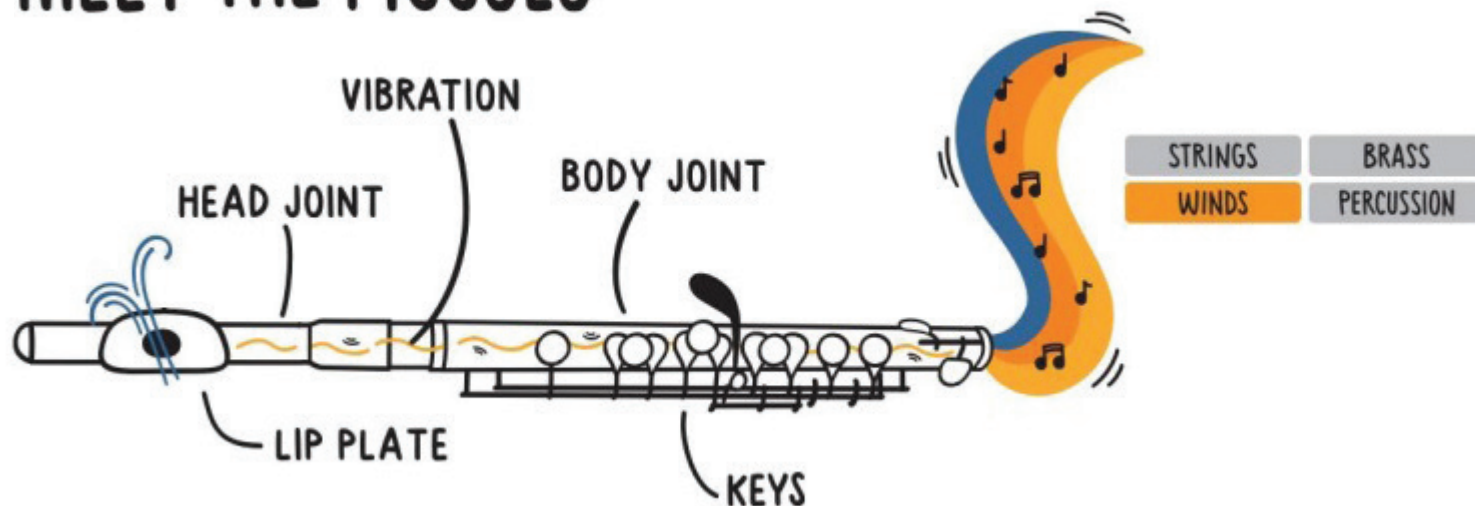


Tallulah Plays the Tuba

MEET THE PICCOLO



The piccolo is a smaller version of the flute. The word “piccolo” means “small” in Italian.

The piccolo has two main parts: the head and the body. These parts are called **joints**.

The head joint has a **lip plate** with a tiny hole. The piccolo makes sound by blowing air over the hole. The air creates a **vibration**. That vibration travels through the **body** of the piccolo. It comes out the end of the piccolo as sound!

Pressing the **keys** makes the sound higher or lower. When you press more keys, the sound gets lower. When you press fewer keys, the sound gets higher.

Even though the piccolo is tiny, it takes a lot of air to play! Controlling all that air helps the piccolo make beautiful sounds.

The piccolo often represents nature in music. It can imitate bird songs, cricket chirps, wind gusts, thunderstorms, and more!

