

# Musical Terms and Expressions

## Dynamics

**pp** play at a volume of *pianissimo* (very soft)

**p** play at a volume of *piano* (soft)

**mp** play at a volume of *mezzo piano* (medium soft)

**mf** play at a volume of *mezzo forte* (medium loud)

**f** play at a volume of *forte* (loud)

**sf** play *sforzando* (loud with a strong accent)

**ff** play at a volume of *fortissimo* (very loud)

**sff** play *sforzando* (very loud with a strong accent)

**cresc.** abbreviation of the word *crescendo* (gradually get louder)