

Beat

"The peculiar "throbbing" heard when sounds not quite identical in [pitch](#) are sounded together." [Stainer, John; Barrett, W.A.; A Dictionary of Musical Terms; Novello, Ewer and Co., London, pre-1900]

A unit of measurement indicated by the [conductor's](#) gesture; each unit of a measure with respect to [accent](#).

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