**Chapter 2**

EXPLORE: 18 connections to videos of string, woodwind, brass, percussion instruments

Cultural Connections

<http://akwaabaensemble.com/>

This beautiful site of Theo Martey and the Akwaaba Ensemble provides video, photos, and information about an African drumming ensemble.

Harpsichord

<http://harpsichord.org/>

On this site of Harpsichord Unlimited go to the videos tab on the menu bar for videos of harpsichords being played in a variety of settings and styles. Compare the tone quality fo the harpsichord with that of the piano.

Pipe Organ

<http://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=organ>

On this page on the pipe organ of Pinterest you will find pictures and videos of some of the greatest and most unusual pipe organs of the world, including an ice organ in a hotel in Sweden, the organ in Disney’s ride “Haunted Mansion”, and an organ shaped like a hand.

Piano

<http://www.ptg.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=109&MenuKey=Menu9>

This site is the homepage of the Piano Technicians Guild, a professional organization of craftsmen who build, repair, and tune pianos. Here you can find the history of the piano, photos of specific types of instruments, and much more.

Synthesizer

[http://rateyourmusic.com/list/TheScientist/history\_of\_the\_synthesizer\_and\_key\_electronic\_instru ments/](http://rateyourmusic.com/list/TheScientist/history_of_the_synthesizer_and_key_electronic_instruments/)

A huge site covering the history of the synthesizer. Explore the different videos to see how the synthesizer has developed and influenced popular music over the decades.