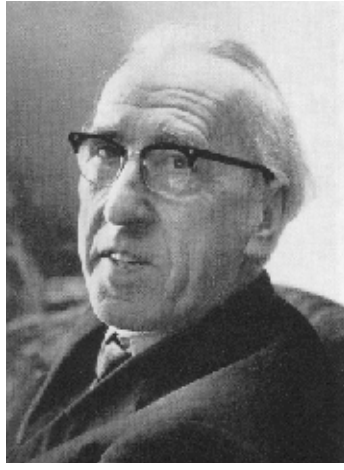


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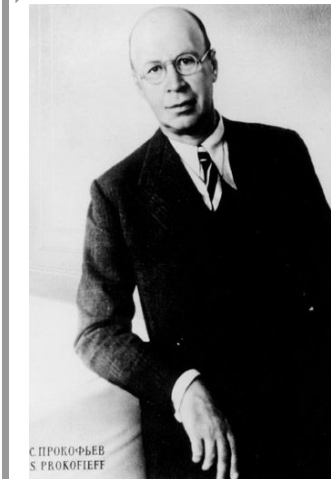
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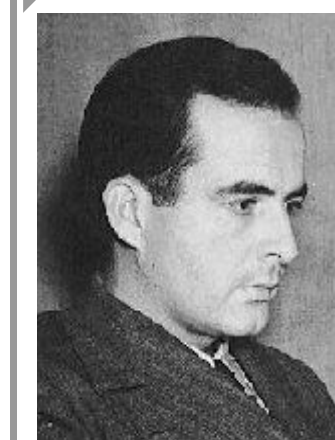
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Amy Marcy Beach



Samuel Barber

<p>George Gershwin</p> <p>Contemporary Period</p> <p>United States</p> <p>When he was 16, George was hired to play songs in music stores to boost sales.</p>	<p>Dmitri Kabalevsky</p> <p>Contemporary</p> <p>Russia</p> <p>Kabalevsky taught young pianists from early in his career. He was happiest when composing music for young people.</p>	<p>Bela Bartok</p> <p>Contemporary</p> <p>Hungary</p> <p>Bartok was a brilliant pianist. His folk song research influenced many of his compositions.</p>
<p>Sergei Prokofiev</p> <p>Contemporary Period</p> <p>Russia</p> <p>Prokofiev wrote <i>Peter and the Wolf</i> to introduce the instruments of the orchestra to young people.</p>	<p>Igor Stravinsky</p> <p>Contemporary Period</p> <p>Russia</p> <p>When <i>The Rite of Spring</i> was first performed, some people didn't like it at all, but other people did, and a riot broke out during the performance.</p>	<p>Enrique Granados</p> <p>Romantic Period</p> <p>Spain</p> <p>Granados was a talented artist and painted pictures to go with one of his most famous works.</p>
<p>Samuel Barber</p> <p>Contemporary Period</p> <p>United States in</p> <p>Samuel wrote an opera called <i>The Rose Tree</i> when he was 10 years old that he performed with his sister, Sara.</p>	<p>Amy Marcy Beach</p> <p>Romantic Period</p> <p>United States</p> <p>She was the first American woman to compose and publish a symphony.</p>	<p>Modest Mussorgsky</p> <p>Romantic Period</p> <p>Russia</p> <p>One of his most famous works is <i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i> which is a piano piece that describes paintings with music.</p>



Johann Sebastian Bach



Domenico Scarlatti



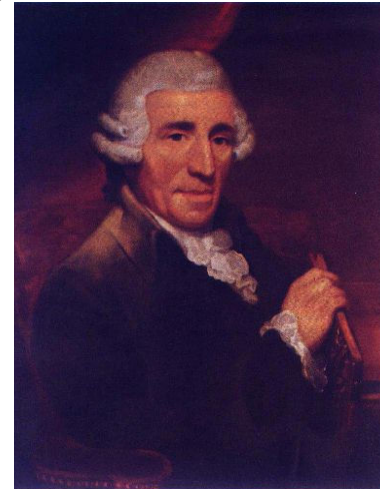
George Frederic Handel



Jean-Baptiste Lully



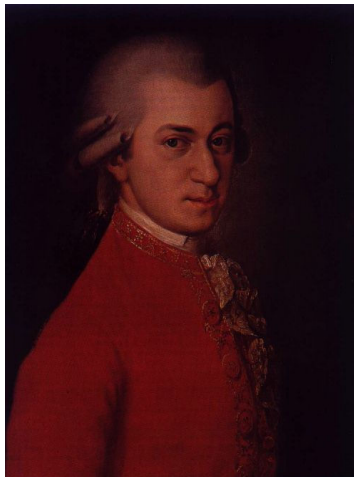
Antonio Vivaldi



Franz Joseph Haydn



Muzio Clementi



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Ludwig van Beethoven

<p>George Frederic Handel</p> <p>Baroque</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>One of Handel's most famous works is the <i>Messiah</i>, which he wrote in less than one month.</p>	<p>Domenico Scarlatti</p> <p>Baroque</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Scarlatti and Handel competed in a keyboard contest with Handel. Handel won the organ honors, but Scarlatti was unbeatable on the harpsichord.</p>	<p>Johann Sebastian Bach</p> <p>Baroque</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Bach taught many of his 20 children to play music instruments. He is known as the father of modern music.</p>
<p>Franz Joseph Haydn</p> <p>Classical</p> <p>Austria</p> <p>Haydn was called "Papa" Haydn even though he never had any children. He had a good sense of humor, and was well-liked.</p>	<p>Antonio Vivaldi</p> <p>Baroque</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Vivaldi was known as the "Red Priest" because of his red hair. He was the music director at an orphanage for girls, and wrote a lot of music for them.</p>	<p>Jean-Baptiste Lully</p> <p>Baroque</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>During a performance, Lully was banging a long staff against the floor to keep time to the music. He hit his foot, it became infected and he later died from it.</p>
<p>Ludwig van Beethoven</p> <p>Classical</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Beethoven was completely deaf the last 7 years of his life. Some of his greatest music was written during this time, including his 9th Symphony.</p>	<p>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</p> <p>Classical</p> <p>Austria</p> <p>Mozart was a child prodigy, who traveled all over Europe with his father and sister when he was young. He wrote music for all of the instruments of his day.</p>	<p>Muzio Clementi</p> <p>Classical</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Clementi played in a piano competition with Mozart. It ended in a tie. Mozart did not say nice things about Clementi's playing, but Clementi said nice things about Mozart's playing.</p>



Francois Couperin



Friedrich Kuhlau



Frederic Chopin



Robert Schumann



Franz Schubert



Franz Liszt



Johannes Brahms



Fanny Mendelssohn



Felix Mendelssohn

<p>Frederic Chopin</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Poland</p> <p>Chopin performed a concerto in public when he was only 8 years old. Most of the music he wrote is for the piano.</p>	<p>Friedrich Kuhlau</p> <p>Classical</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Kuhlau lost his sight in one eye in a childhood accident. He studied that piano during his recovery.</p>	<p>Francois Couperin</p> <p>Baroque</p> <p>France</p> <p>Couperin frequently “painted” music pictures of his friends in his harpsichord compositions.</p>
<p>Franz Liszt</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Hungary</p> <p>Liszt was a great showman on the piano. He wore white gloves that he took off slowly before he performed, and threw them out to ladies in the audience.</p>	<p>Franz Schubert</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Austria</p> <p>It is said that Schubert slept with his glasses on so he wouldn’t waste any time looking for them in the morning before he began to compose . He wrote over 600 songs.</p>	<p>Robert Schumann</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Schumann married Clara, the daughter of his former piano teacher. She inspired him to write many beautiful songs. They had 8 children.</p>
<p>Felix Mendelssohn</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Mendelssohn organized the Bach Society, which promoted music of Bach that hadn’t been played in over 50 years.</p>	<p>Fanny Mendelssohn</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Fanny was an excellent artist as well as a musician. Some of her early works were published under her brother’s name.</p>	<p>Johannes Brahms</p> <p>Romantic Period</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Brahms destroyed all of the music that he wrote before he was 19 years old. He was interested in folk music throughout his life.</p>



Clara Wieck Schumann



Steven Foster



Claude Debussy



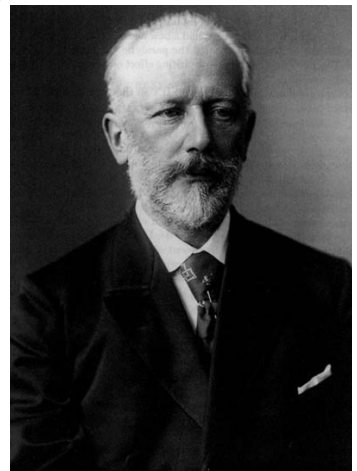
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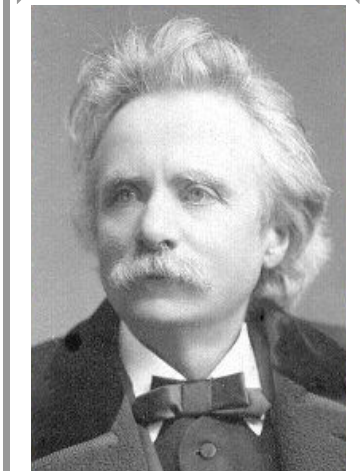
Maurice Ravel



Peter Tchaikovsky



Antonin Dvorak



Edvard Grieg

Claude Debussy

Impressionistic

France

Debussy created beautiful pictures with sound. He tries to emulate the sound of the orchestra in his piano pieces.

Steven Foster

Romantic Period

United States

Steven Foster was one of the first American composers to earn a living by writing music. Many of his songs have become folk tunes.

Clara Wieck Schumann

Romantic Period

Germany

When Clara was an adult, she was a very good teacher, and students came from all over Europe to study with her.

Maurice Ravel

Impressionistic

France

Ravel was a great orchestrator, and worked slowly and carefully on his compositions. He was influenced by Russian music.

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Romantic

Born in Russia

Rachmaninoff was a concert pianist, conductor, and outstanding composer.

Scott Joplin

Contemporary

Born in the United States

Joplin was given free piano lessons by his first teacher. He is considered the greatest ragtime composer.

Edvard Grieg

Romantic Period

Born in Norway

Grieg wrote the *Peer Gynt Suite* which was a huge success, and made him famous throughout the world.

Antonin Dvorak

Romantic Period

Born in Czechoslovakia

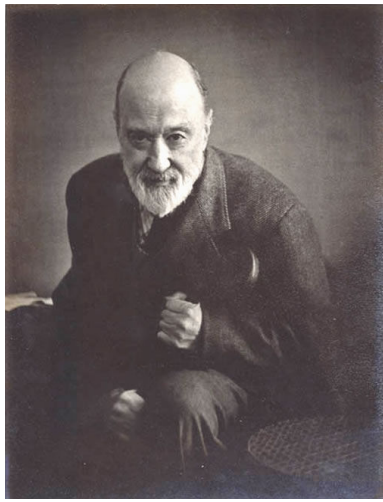
Dvorak wrote *The New World Symphony*, which used melodies that were inspired by American Indians and American spirituals.

Peter Tchaikovsky

Romantic Period

Born in Russia

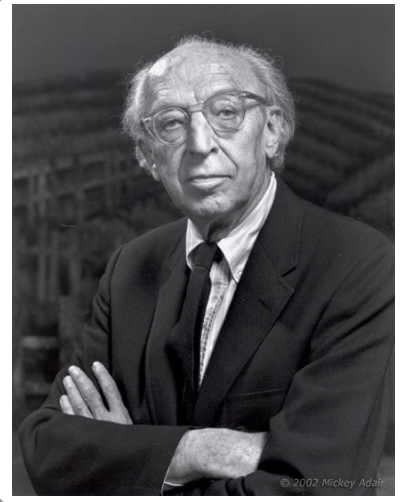
A wealthy Russian widow named Mrs. Von Meck provided a salary for Tchaikovsky so he could spend all of his time composing music.



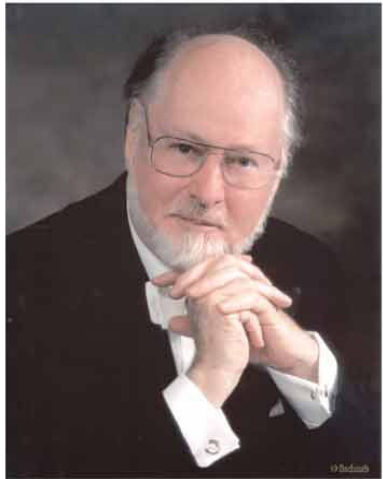
Charles Ives



Giuseppe Verdi



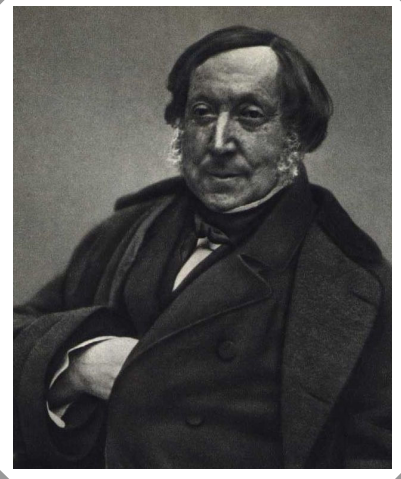
Aaron Copland



John Williams



Richard Wagner



Gioacchino Rossini



Duke Ellington



Johann Strauss



Old Maid

<p>Aaron Copland</p> <p>Contemporary</p> <p>United States</p> <p>Copland used to compose music at night on his noisy piano. His neighbors complained, and so he had to move several different times.</p>	<p>Giuseppe Verdi</p> <p>Romantic Period</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>He was an active politician, and was a member of Parliament and later a Senator. Many of his operas were censored because of their political ideas.</p>	<p>Charles Ives</p> <p>Contemporary Period</p> <p>United States</p> <p>He was a huge baseball fan and played many sports such as baseball, football, track and tennis. He was a successful insurance salesman.</p>
<p>Geacchino Rossini</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Rossini was a lazy man, and was a very good cook. He liked to play tricks and jokes on his friends. One of his most famous pieces is the William Tell Overture.</p>	<p>Richard Wagner</p> <p>Romantic</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Wagner wrote a series of 4 operas known as "The Ring." It takes 18 hours to perform all 4 of them.</p>	<p>John Williams</p> <p>Contemporary</p> <p>United States</p> <p>He has composed the music for close to eighty films and has composed some of the most famous movie themes ever written.</p>
<p>The Old Maid</p> <p>Contemporary Period</p> <p>United States</p> <p>One of the hippest grandmas the world had ever known. Took up electric guitar and plays in band called the Rockin' Grannies.</p>	<p>Johann Strauss</p> <p>Romantic Period</p> <p>Austria</p> <p>Johann Strauss Jr. was named "The Waltz King" because of the many waltzes he wrote. His most famous waltz in the "Blue Danube."</p>	<p>Duke Ellington</p> <p>Contemporary Period</p> <p>United States</p> <p>He was a composer, pianist and bandleader. He was one of the leading figures in American jazz, and created a unique, recognizable style.</p>