

Music Masters: Famous Composers Flashcards

Learning objective: To identify and understand the role of composers and recognise key historical figures in music.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of famous composers. Read the front side and try to guess the answer before checking the back.

What is a composer?	Who is the composer known as the 'master of the symphony' who wrote music even after losing his hearing?
A person who writes music.	Ludwig van Beethoven.
Which composer, often called the father of the symphony, was known for his sense of humour in music?	Which child prodigy from Austria began composing music at the age of five?
Joseph Haydn.	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
What do we call the written symbols that composers use to record their music?	Which famous Baroque composer wrote 'The Four Seasons' and was a virtuoso violinist?
Musical notation.	Antonio Vivaldi.
Which composer is famous for his 'Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor' and was a master of the organ?	If a composer writes a piece of music for a whole orchestra, what is this large-scale work usually called?
Johann Sebastian Bach.	A symphony.
Which Romantic composer wrote the beautiful 'Nocturnes' specifically for the piano?	What is the name for the main tune or sequence of notes in a piece of music?
Frédéric Chopin.	The melody.
Which English composer wrote the famous 'Pomp and Circumstance' marches?	Why do composers use tempo markings in their music?
Edward Elgar.	To tell the performers how fast or slow the music should be played.