

Classical Music Masterclass

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1. Which of these composers was born in the same year as George Frideric Handel, specifically in 1685?

- A) Johann Sebastian Bach
- B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- C) Ludwig van Beethoven
- D) Antonio Vivaldi

2. In a standard symphony orchestra, which instrument belongs to the brass family and is the only one to use a slide rather than valves to change pitch?

- A) French Horn
- B) Trombone
- C) Tuba
- D) Trumpet

3. What is the musical term for a composition written for a solo instrument accompanied by an orchestra, usually consisting of three movements?

- A) Sonata
- B) Symphony
- C) Concerto
- D) Overture

4. Which famous composer wrote 'The Four Seasons', a set of four violin concertos that represent the changing weather patterns?

- A) Franz Joseph Haydn
- B) Arcangelo Corelli
- C) Antonio Vivaldi
- D) Claudio Monteverdi

5. Which part of the string family is typically the largest in size and plays the lowest pitches in an orchestral section?

- A) Cello
- B) Viola
- C) Double Bass
- D) Violin

6. Ludwig van Beethoven lived during the transition between two major musical eras. Which ones were they?

- A) Baroque and Classical
- B) Classical and Romantic
- C) Renaissance and Baroque
- D) Romantic and Modern

7. Which composer is often nicknamed 'Papa' because he is considered the 'father' of both the symphony and the string quartet?

- A) Franz Joseph Haydn
- B) Johannes Brahms
- C) Felix Mendelssohn
- D) Gustav Mahler

8. What does the Italian musical term 'presto' indicate to the performer regarding the tempo of the piece?

- A) Very slowly
- B) At a walking pace
- C) Very fast
- D) Gradually getting louder

9. Which instrument requires the performer to use pedals to change the pitch of its strings, as it does not have a chromatic keyboard?

- A) Harpsichord
- B) Harp
- C) Celesta
- D) Organ

10. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote a famous opera that features a character named Papageno, who is a bird catcher. What is the title of this opera?

- A) Don Giovanni
- B) The Marriage of Figaro
- C) The Magic Flute
- D) Così fan tutte