

Nature and Animals in Classical Music

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1. Which composer wrote 'The Swan' as part of 'The Carnival of the Animals'?

- A) Camille Saint-Saëns
- B) Ludwig van Beethoven
- C) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- D) Johann Sebastian Bach

2. Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons' is a set of concertos that depicts the changing of what?

- A) Musical instruments
- B) Seasons of the year
- C) Ocean tides
- D) Phases of the moon

3. In Beethoven's 'Pastoral' Symphony No. 6, which bird is represented by the flute?

- A) Owl
- B) Eagle
- C) Nightingale
- D) Penguin

4. Rimsky-Korsakov composed a famous orchestral piece about the flight of which insect?

- A) Ant
- B) Bumblebee
- C) Butterfly
- D) Dragonfly

5. Which composer wrote the 'Symphony No. 6', which includes sounds representing a thunderstorm?

- A) Franz Schubert
- B) Ludwig van Beethoven
- C) Claude Debussy
- D) Joseph Haydn

6. The piece 'The Moldau' by Bedrich Smetana depicts the journey of what natural feature?

- A) A mountain
- B) A forest
- C) A river
- D) A volcano

7. Ottorino Respighi wrote a symphonic poem titled 'The Pines of...' which location?

- A) Rome
- B) Paris
- C) London
- D) Berlin

8. Which composer wrote a collection titled 'Lyric Pieces' which includes 'To the Spring'?

- A) Edvard Grieg
- B) Johannes Brahms
- C) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- D) Felix Mendelssohn

9. Claude Debussy's 'La Mer' is a famous orchestral composition inspired by what?

- A) The desert
- B) The forest
- C) The sea
- D) The mountains

10. Which composer wrote 'The Trout' quintet, inspired by a song he previously wrote about a fish?

- A) Franz Schubert
- B) Gustav Mahler
- C) Antonín Dvořák
- D) Robert Schumann

11. The 'Cuckoo' is a famous movement in which composer's 'The Carnival of the Animals'?

- A) Camille Saint-Saëns
- B) Maurice Ravel
- C) Igor Stravinsky
- D) Sergei Prokofiev

12. 'The Lark Ascending' is a famous piece for violin and orchestra by which composer?

- A) Ralph Vaughan Williams
- B) Edward Elgar
- C) Benjamin Britten
- D) Gustav Holst

13. Which composer wrote the 'Peer Gynt' suite, which includes 'Morning Mood' representing the sunrise?

- A) Edvard Grieg
- B) Jean Sibelius
- C) Béla Bartók
- D) Richard Wagner

14. The movement 'Aquarium' from 'The Carnival of the Animals' uses the piano to represent what?

- A) Moving water
- B) Falling rain
- C) A thunderstorm
- D) Wind

15. 'Winter' is one of the four concertos in the work 'The Four Seasons' by which Italian composer?

- A) Antonio Vivaldi
- B) Arcangelo Corelli
- C) Giuseppe Verdi
- D) Gioachino Rossini

16. Which composer is famous for the 'Grand Canyon Suite', depicting a natural landscape in the USA?

- A) Ferde Grofé
- B) Aaron Copland
- C) George Gershwin
- D) Leonard Bernstein

17. The piece 'In a Mountain Path' is associated with which composer's love for nature?

- A) Jean Sibelius
- B) Sergei Rachmaninoff
- C) Dmitri Shostakovich
- D) Modest Mussorgsky

18. Which animal is depicted in the movement 'The Elephant' from Saint-Saëns' suite?

- A) Elephant
- B) Giraffe
- C) Lion
- D) Zebra