

Classical Music Basics

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1. Which composer is often called the 'Father of the Symphony'?

- A) Ludwig van Beethoven
- B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- C) Franz Joseph Haydn
- D) Johann Sebastian Bach

2. What is the largest section of a typical symphony orchestra?

- A) Brass
- B) Percussion
- C) Woodwinds
- D) Strings

3. Which of these instruments is a brass instrument?

- A) Flute
- B) Clarinet
- C) Trombone
- D) Violin

4. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a child prodigy who started composing at a very young age. Approximately how old was he when he wrote his first known composition?

- A) 10 years old
- B) 5 years old
- C) 15 years old
- D) 8 years old

5. What is the name for a large musical composition for orchestra, usually in four movements?

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

6. Which composer is famous for his nine symphonies, including the powerful Symphony No. 5?

- A) Johann Sebastian Bach
- B) Ludwig van Beethoven
- C) Frédéric Chopin
- D) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

7. What instrument is commonly known as the 'king of instruments'?

- A) Piano
- B) Harp
- C) Organ
- D) Cello

8. Which composer wrote 'The Four Seasons'?

- A) Antonio Vivaldi
- B) George Frideric Handel
- C) Franz Schubert
- D) Johannes Brahms

9. What type of musical piece is often written for a solo instrument and orchestra, featuring a virtuoso performer?

- A) Overture
- B) Concerto
- C) Ballet
- D) Requiem

10. Which of these is a percussion instrument?

- A) Oboe
- B) Bassoon
- C) Tuba
- D) Timpani

11. Johann Sebastian Bach is a prominent figure from which musical era?

- A) Romantic Era
- B) Classical Era
- C) Baroque Era
- D) Modern Era

12. What is the name of the opera that features characters like Carmen and Don José?

- A) The Magic Flute
- B) La Bohème
- C) Carmen
- D) The Barber of Seville

13. Which instrument is part of both the string family and the keyboard family?

- A) Harpsichord
- B) Celesta
- C) Piano
- D) Clavichord

14. Who composed 'The Nutcracker' ballet?

- A) Igor Stravinsky
- B) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- C) Sergei Prokofiev
- D) Dmitri Shostakovich

15. What are the four main sections of a symphony orchestra?

- A) Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion
- B) Violin, Cello, Flute, Trumpet
- C) Piano, Harp, Organ, Harpsichord
- D) Opera, Ballet, Symphony, Concerto

16. Which composer is known for his opera 'The Marriage of Figaro' and 'Don Giovanni'?

- A) Ludwig van Beethoven
- B) Franz Joseph Haydn
- C) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- D) Richard Wagner

17. What is the term for a musical composition for a solo instrument with orchestral accompaniment?

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

18. Which of these is a woodwind instrument?

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

19. Which composer wrote the 'Moonlight Sonata'?

- A) Frédéric Chopin
- B) Ludwig van Beethoven
- C) Johannes Brahms
- D) Robert Schumann

20. What is the smallest section of a standard symphony orchestra in terms of the number of players?

- A) Brass
- B) Woodwinds
- C) Percussion
- D) Strings

21. Which composer is considered a master of fugues and Baroque keyboard music, often associated with Germany?

- A) Antonio Vivaldi
- B) George Frideric Handel
- C) Johann Sebastian Bach
- D) Claudio Monteverdi

22. What is the largest string instrument in the orchestra, played while standing or sitting on a high stool?

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

23. Which era of music is characterized by a focus on emotion, individualism, and dramatic expression, with composers like Beethoven, Chopin, and Tchaikovsky?

- A) Baroque Era
- B) Classical Era
- C) Romantic Era
- D) Impressionist Era