

Classical Music: Dates, Names, and Numbers

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1. In what year did Johann Sebastian Bach complete his collection of six Brandenburg Concertos, dedicated to Christian Ludwig, Margrave of Brandenburg-Schwedt?

- A) 1718
- B) 1721**
- C) 1723
- D) 1730

2. What is the catalogue number for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Symphony No. 41 in C major, often referred to as the 'Jupiter' Symphony?

- A) KV 550
- B) KV 551**
- C) KV 543
- D) KV 527

3. Ludwig van Beethoven's only opera, 'Fidelio', underwent several revisions. In what year was its final, definitive version premiered?

- A) 1805
- B) 1808
- C) 1814**
- D) 1820

4. How many symphonies did Franz Schubert complete, including the 'Unfinished' Symphony No. 8?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9**
- D) 10

5. What is the opus number for Frédéric Chopin's Revolutionary Étude, one of his most famous piano pieces?

- A) Op. 10, No. 3
- B) Op. 10, No. 12**
- C) Op. 25, No. 1
- D) Op. 25, No. 11

6. In what year did Giuseppe Verdi's opera 'Aida' premiere in Cairo, commissioned for the opening of the Khedivial Opera House?

A) 1869

B) 1871

C) 1874

D) 1879

7. How many movements are there in Gustav Holst's orchestral suite 'The Planets'?

A) 5

B) 6

C) 7

D) 8

8. What is the opus number for Arnold Schoenberg's seminal atonal melodrama 'Pierrot Lunaire'?

A) Op. 10

B) Op. 13

C) Op. 21

D) Op. 25

9. In what year did Igor Stravinsky's ballet 'The Rite of Spring' famously premiere in Paris, leading to a riot?

A) 1908

B) 1913

C) 1917

D) 1920

10. How many complete symphonies did Johannes Brahms compose?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6