

Classical Music Fun Facts

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1. Which famous composer wrote the 'Für Elise' piano piece?

- A) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- B) Johann Sebastian Bach
- C) Ludwig van Beethoven
- D) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

2. What large string instrument is played by bowing or plucking, and has a deep, rich sound?

- A) Violin
- B) Cello
- C) Flute
- D) Trumpet

3. Which composer is known as the 'King of Waltz' for his many famous waltz compositions?

- A) Frédéric Chopin
- B) Johannes Brahms
- C) Richard Strauss
- D) Johann Strauss II

4. What is the name of the musical term for a collection of songs or pieces written by one composer?

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

5. Which composer wrote the 'Four Seasons' concertos?

- A) Antonio Vivaldi
- B) George Frideric Handel
- C) Joseph Haydn
- D) Franz Schubert

6. What type of instrument family does a clarinet belong to?

- A) String
- B) Brass
- C) Percussion
- D) Woodwind

7. Which of these instruments is typically played by blowing into it and pressing keys?

- A) Harp
- B) Trombone
- C) Oboe
- D) Piano

8. Who composed the famous 'Nutcracker Suite' ballet?

- A) Igor Stravinsky
- B) Gustav Mahler
- C) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- D) Sergei Rachmaninoff

9. What is the name for a dramatic musical work where singers and orchestra tell a story?

- A) Concerto
- B) Oratorio
- C) Opera
- D) Requiem

10. Which composer, known for his operas, wrote 'The Marriage of Figaro'?

- A) Gioachino Rossini
- B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- C) Giuseppe Verdi
- D) Giacomo Puccini

11. What instrument has black and white keys and is played by pressing them?

- A) Violin
- B) Guitar
- C) Piano
- D) Drums

12. Which composer, often called the 'Father of the Symphony', wrote over 100 symphonies?

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

13. What is the Italian term for music played very loudly?

- A) Pianissimo
- B) Mezzo forte
- C) Fortissimo
- D) Andante

14. Which composer wrote the lively 'William Tell Overture', famous for its galloping rhythm?

- A) Hector Berlioz
- B) Gioachino Rossini
- C) Felix Mendelssohn
- D) Franz Liszt

15. What is the largest section of a symphony orchestra, consisting of violins, violas, cellos, and double basses?

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

16. Who composed the 'Moonlight Sonata'?

- A) Johann Sebastian Bach
- B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- C) Ludwig van Beethoven
- D) Frédéric Chopin

17. What is the name of a musical piece written for a solo instrument and orchestra?

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

18. Which composer is famous for his Brandenburg Concertos?

- A) George Frideric Handel
- B) Johann Sebastian Bach
- C) Antonio Vivaldi
- D) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart