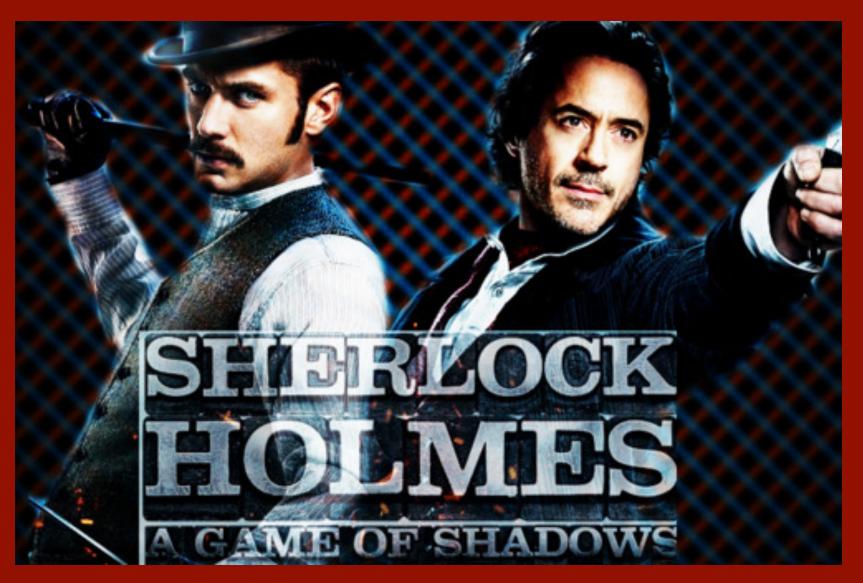
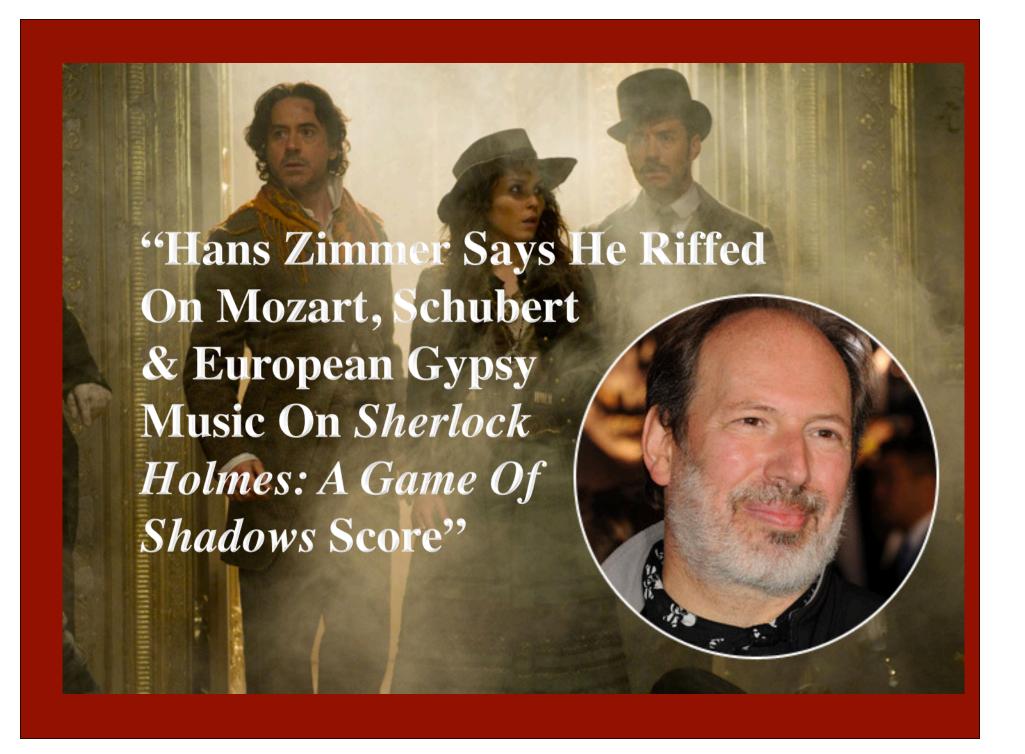


WHY MOZART?



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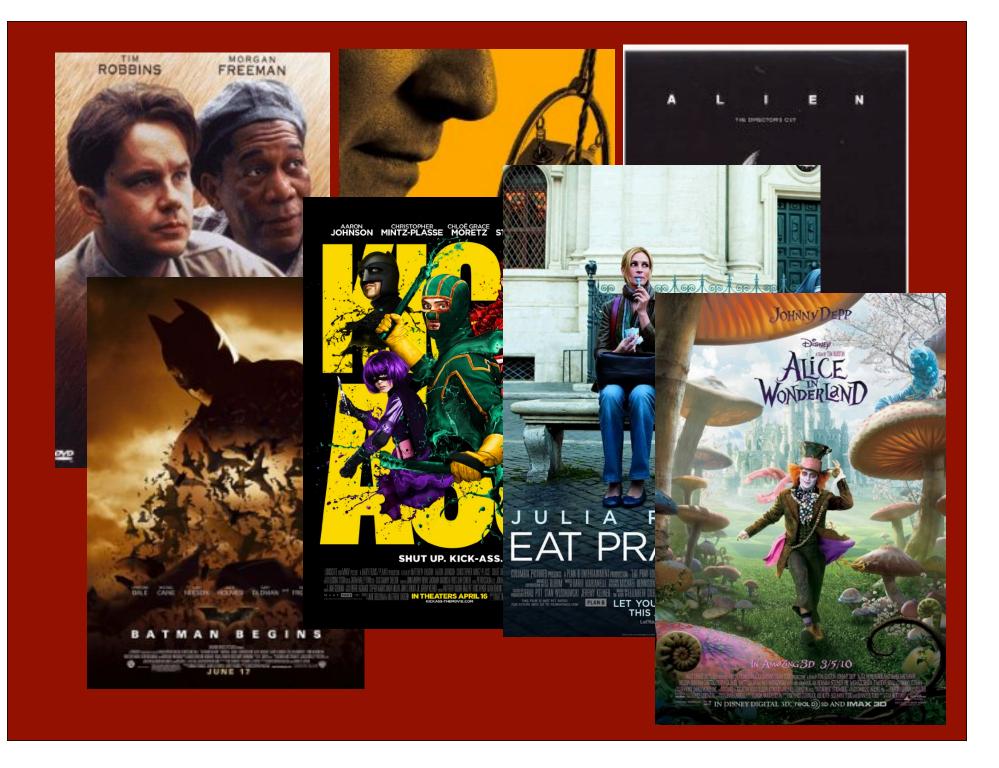




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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)



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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart grew up in Salzburg under the regulation of his strict father Leopold who also was a famous composer of his time. His abilities in music were obvious even when Mozart was still young so that in 1762 at the age of six, his father took him with his elder sister on a concert tour to Munich and Vienna and a second one from 1763-66 through the south of Germany... See full bio »

Born: Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart

January 27, 1756 in Salzburg, Austria

Died: December 5, 1791 (age 35) in Vienna, Austria

3 videos | 198 news articles »



MOZART MYTH or FACT:

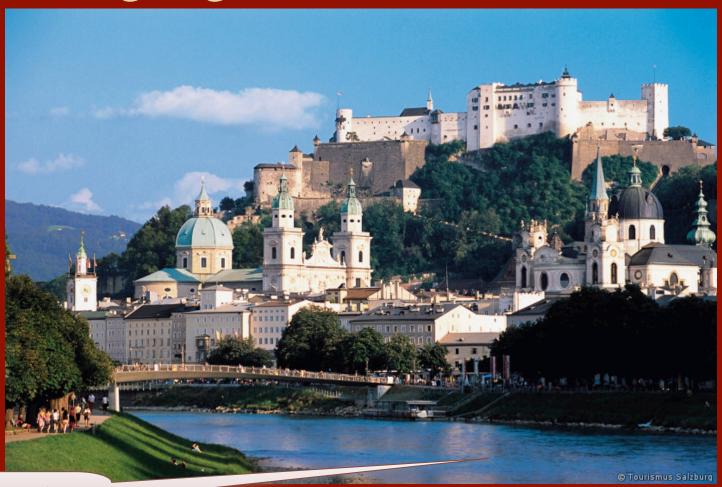
1. His name is "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart"

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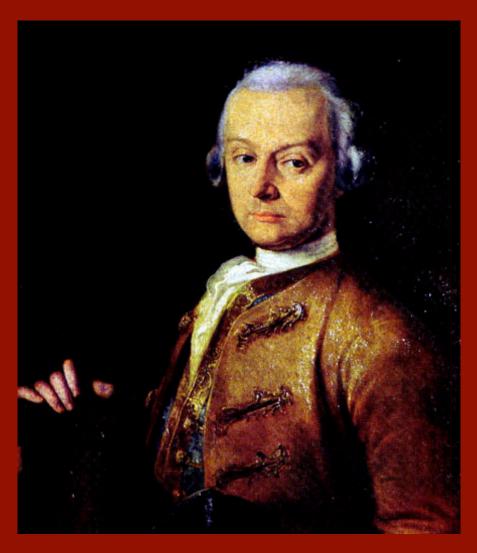
"One who loves God"

Amadè *or* Amadeo



Salzach River

Salzburg, Austria



Leopold Mozart (1719-1787)



Anna Maria Mozart (1720-1778)

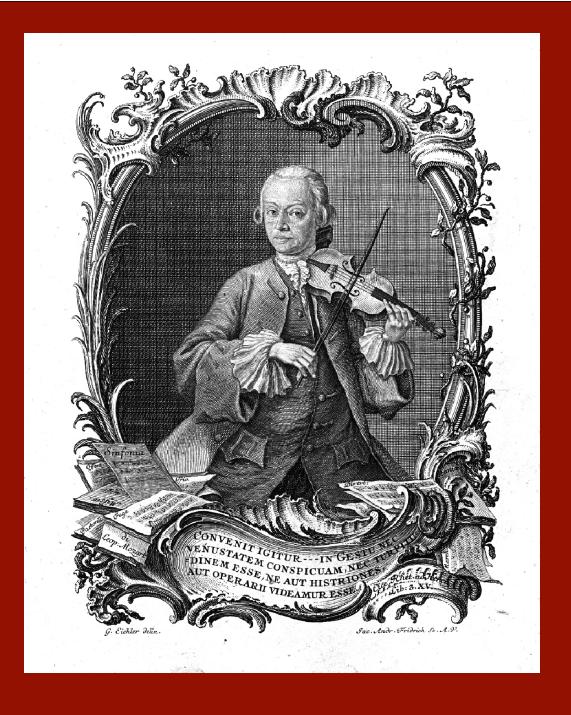
Leopold Mozart's

Treatise on the

Fundamentals of

Violin Playing

(1756)





Maria Anna "Nannerl" Mozart (1751-1829)



Maria Anna "Nannerl" Mozart (1751-1829)

Leopold starting giving her piano lessons when she was 7



3-year-old Mozart imitated his sister at the piano.

Mozart is a Child Prodigy

"The miracle which God let be born in Salzburg"



Music Prodigies

MICHAEL JACKSON, LEANN RIMES,
YEHUDI MENUHIN, ALISON KRAUS,
STEVE WINWOOD, MARTHA ARGERICH,
BIX BIEDERBECKE, JACKIE EVANCHO,
BJORK, STEVIE WONDER, RICKY SKAGGS,
LANG LANG, BUDDY RICH,
HERBIE HANCOCK, KEITH JARRETT,
TAYLOR SWIFT, BEVERLY SILLS,
CHARLOTTE CHURCH, YO-YO MA







Mozart was 5 years old when he wrote this.

K = "Köchel Number"

Catalog of Mozart's works in chronological order by LUDWIG KÖCHEL in 1862

MOZART MYTH or FACT:

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Leopold Mozart "edited" many of Wolfgang's works up through the 1770s (W.A.'s early teens)

1762 - 1773

6 years old – 17 years old Touring Europe as keyboard prodigy

From age 6 – 10 Mozart was "on tour"



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1763 (7 years old)

1762 - 1766

Mozart's first tour of Europe





Johann Christian Bach (1735-1782)



1762-1766: Germany, Austria, France, England, Holland

Absorbed local musical styles, which he synthesized into his own works

1761 (5 years old)

1764 (8 years old)

1767 (11 years old)

1768 (12 years old)

1770 (14 years old)

First compositions

First vocal aria

First singspiel

First concerto

First opera

First mass

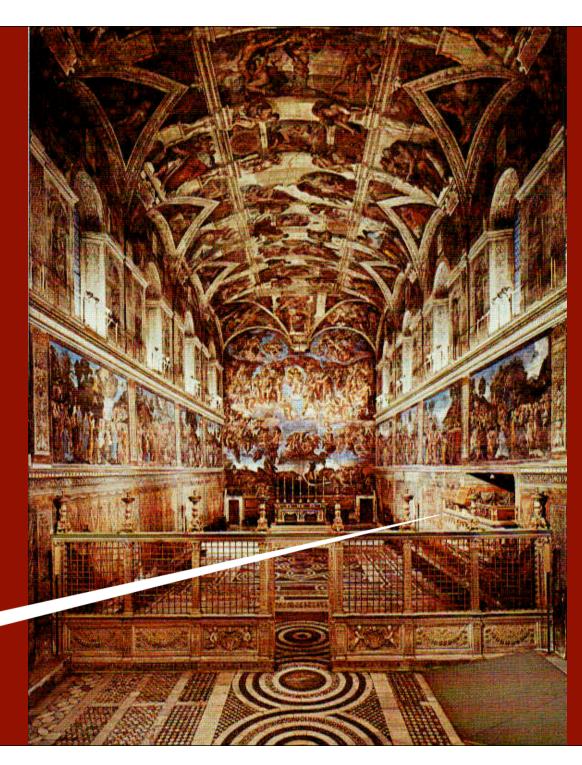
First string quartet

1769 - 1773

3 Tours of Italy



Sistine Chapel, Rome



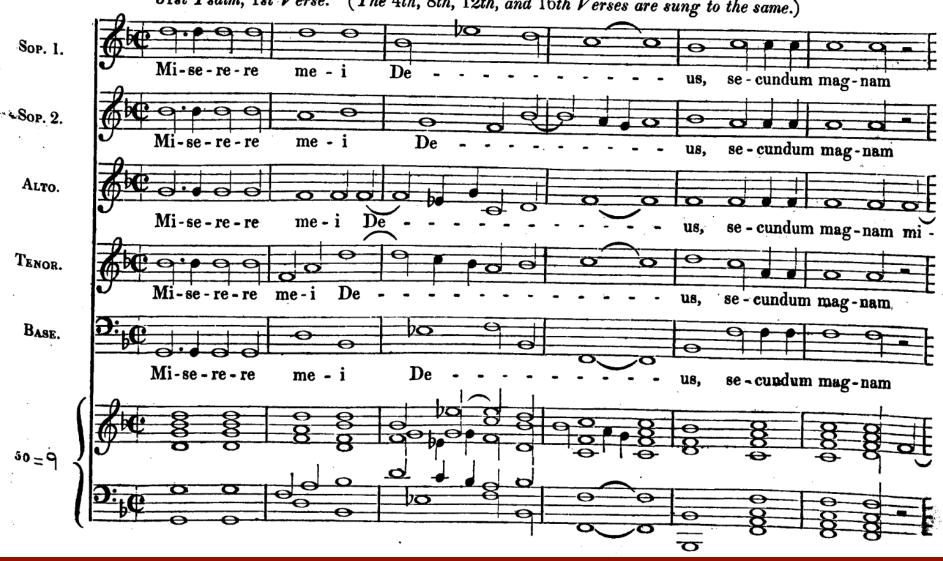
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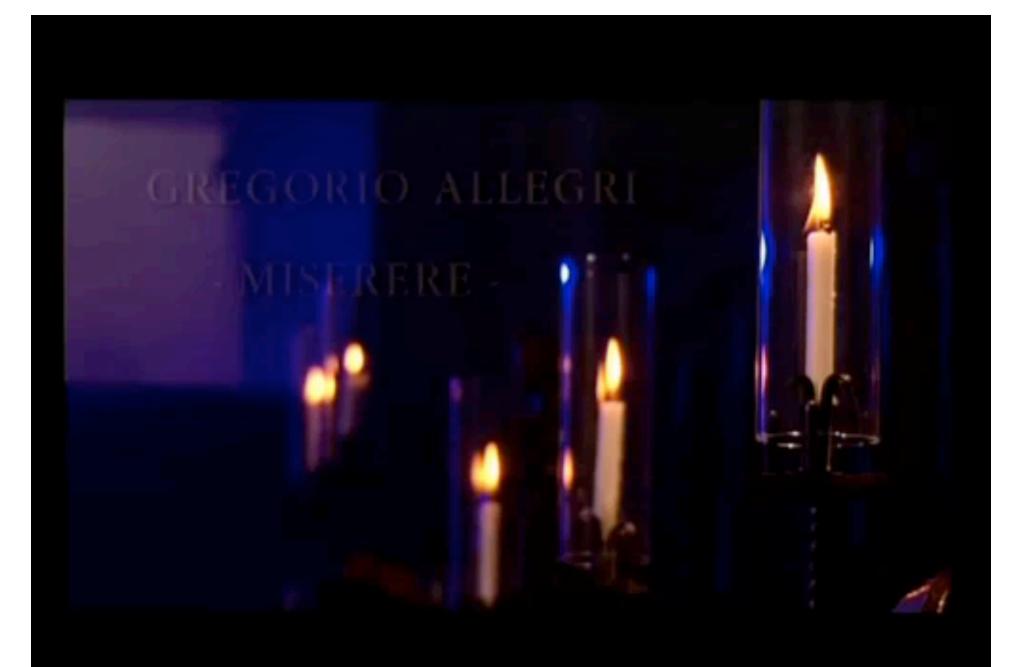
"You have often heard of the famous *Miserere* [of Gregorio Allegri] in Rome, which is so greatly prized that the performers in the chapel are forbidden on pain of excommunication to take away a single part of it, to copy it or to give it to anyone. But we have it already. Wolfgang has written it down...so we shall bring it home with us... one of the great secrets of Rome..." (April 1770)

The Miserere of Gregorio Allegri,

AS SUNG IN THE POPE'S CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK.

51st Psalm, 1st Verse. (The 4th, 8th, 12th, and 16th Verses are sung to the same.)





Gregorio Allegri, Miserere





Mozart works for archbishop of Salzburg for 8 years.

Writes first mature symphonies, concertos

- "A Little Night Music"
- A SERENADE [Evening music]
- A SUITE of pieces
- Classical MUZAK: meant to be played as "background" music for parties

- Mozart wrote a lot of music like this for Salzburg (though this was written in Vienna)
- Eine kleine Nachtmusik written for string orchestra



The String Orchestra Familly

- Four Movements:
 - 1. Allegro
 - 2. Romanze: Andante
 - 3. Minuet: Allegretto
 - 4. Rondo: Allegro

• 1. Allegro

- Balanced Phrasing
- Antecedent-Consequent structures



Eine kleine Nachtmusik, First Movement, Allegro



Prince Archbishop
Hieroymous Colloredo

Leopold Mozart's and W. A. Mozart's boss



Salzburg, Austria

Unhappy with his work for the archbishop, Mozart starts to look for other employment.

Visits Vienna
Hears Haydn's music 1773
Write "Haydn" quartets

SALZBURG YEARS (1773-81)

Visits Augsburg to see relatives, especially his cousin MARIA ANNA THEKLA MOZART

"The Bäsle" [little cousin]



Maria Anna Thekla Mozart "The Bäsle"

MOZART MYTH or FACT:

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Mozart liked fart jokes and potty humor!

Many of his letters to his relatives--such as the Bäsle, and even his mother, father, and sister-contain such jokes and stories

1778 Mozart introduced to the Weber family in MANNHEIM

Falls in love with Aloysia Weber.



Aloysia Weber in the opera role of Zémire

1778 Mozart and his mother continue traveling and concertizing.

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In Paris writes famous K. 265 variations.



Variations on "Ah! vous dirai-je, Maman" ["Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Mozart's mother becomes ill in Paris, and dies there.

"As long as I live I shall never forget it. You know I have never seen anyone die...How cruel that my first experience should be the death of my mother! I dreaded that moment most of all...Indeed, I wished at that moment to depart with her."

Disappointed in concertizing, Mozart finds no permanent position, and returns to Salzburg in 1779.

He receives commission to compose an opera *Idomeneo* (1781) by Elector of Bavaria.

Mozart is 25.

The opera is a considerable success, but no other offers for work follow.

His employer Salzburg Archbishop Colloredo, summons Mozart to Vienna.

Mozart is treated badly by Colloredo, and Mozart rudely responds.

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Court musicians and performers were considered as "servants" and wore livery uniforms.

Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART SALZBURG (1773-81)

Colloredo fires Mozart from his service, and has his steward dismiss him "with a kick in the ass."

Mozart's father sides with the Archbishop, and disinherits Wolfgang.

Free of both the Archbishop and his father, Mozart decides to try his luck in big city...



Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART

VIENNA (1781-91)

Works as freelance musician:

TEACHER
KEYBOARD VIRTUOSO
IMPRESSARIO
COMPOSER

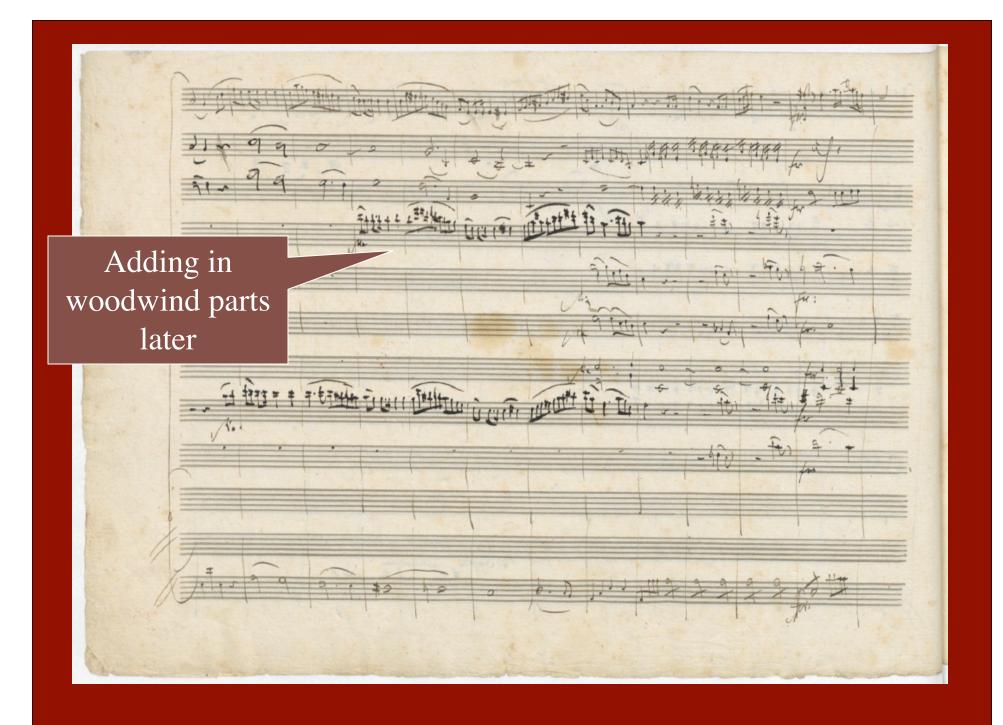
1781 — Has piano "duel" with Muzio Clementi before Emperor Joseph II

He is soon regarded as best pianist in Vienna

Kaiser Joseph II



Opening page of concerto in Mozart's hand





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Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART

VIENNA (1781-91)

1781 — Meets writer LORENZO DA PONTE

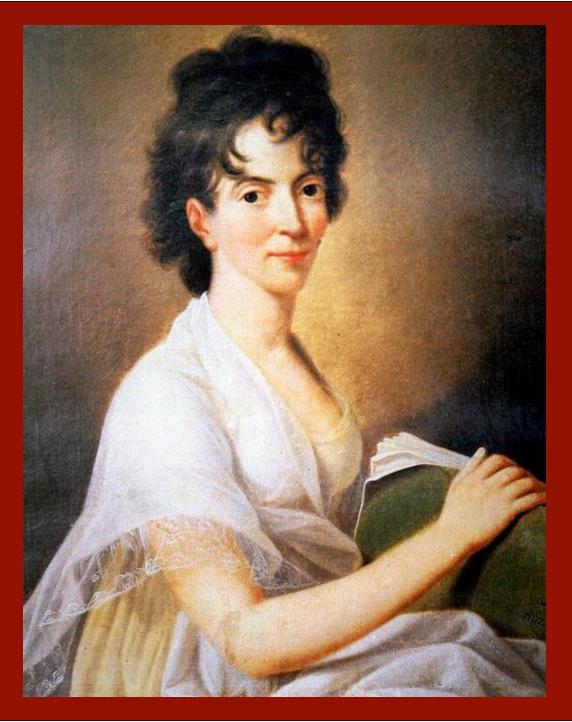
with whom he will collaborate on the operas

Le Nozze di Figaro Così fan tutte Don Giovanni

1782 — Receives commission to compose Die Entführung aus dem Serail

[The Abduction from the Seraglio]
which premieres in 1782 to great success

1782 — Marries
CONSTANZE WEBER
the sister of Aloysia Weber



Constanze Weber

The couple has six children, but only two survive infancy— Karl Thomas and Franz Xavier Wolfgang. Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART

Karl Thomas

Franz Xavier



Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART

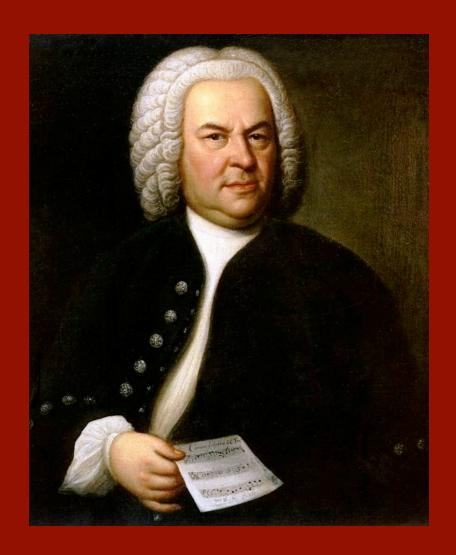
VIENNA (1781-91)

In 1782 Mozart meets the antiquarian Gottfried van Swieten, who introduces him to the music of

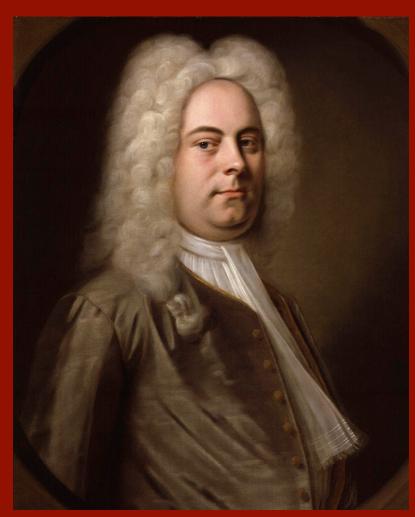
J. S. Bach

and

George Frederic Handel.



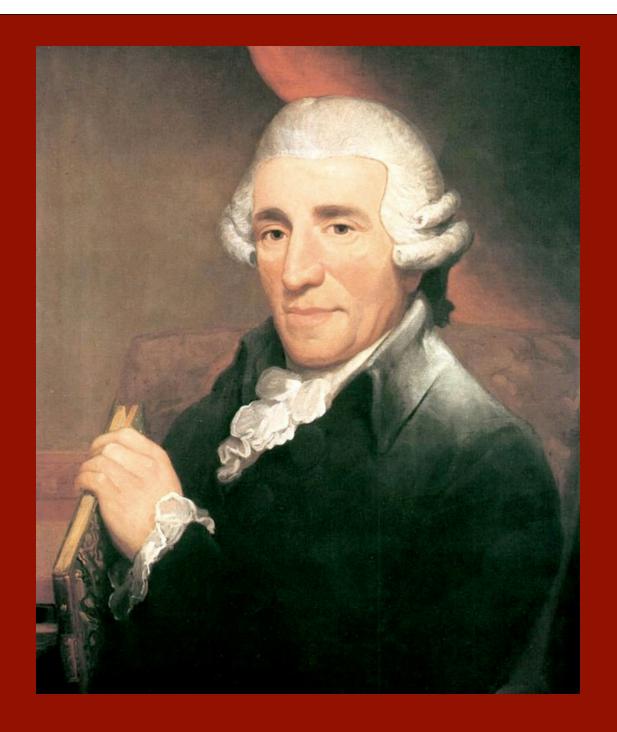
Johann Sebastian Bach



George Frederic Handel

In 1784 Mozart finally meets
FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN
and the composers become friends

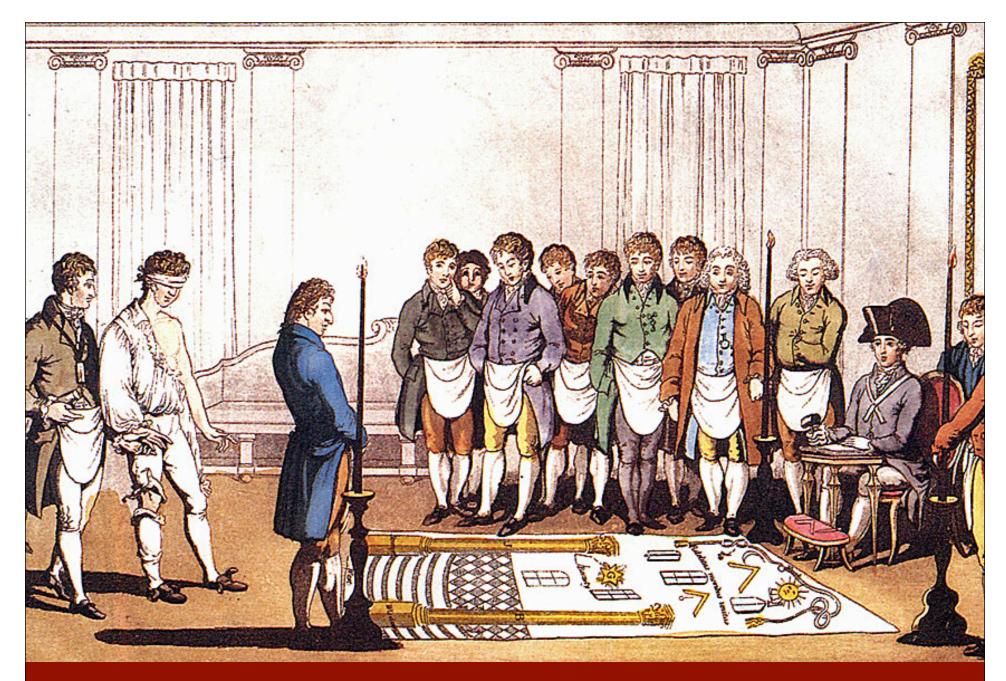
Franz Joseph Haydn



In 1784 Mozart joins the

FREEMASONS

who will later be of great assistance to Mozart financially



Eighteenth-century Freemason initiation

Famous Freemasons

- George Washington
- Benjamin Franklin
- Paul Revere
- John Hancock



Die Zauberflöte

• Many elements in the plot are derived from Freemasonary

Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART

Mozart's operas combine serious/comic elements creating what are called

MEZZA CARRATTERE
 ("middle characters")

1787—Appointed chamber-music composer to the Emperor Joseph II, which lead to an annual financial stipend.

1787—The young LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN tries to meet Mozart, but never does.

• Symphony is a 4-movement work for orchestra



The Orchestra

• 1. Fast; 2. Slow; 3. Medium; 4. Fast

- 1. Fast; 2. Slow; 3. Medium; 4. Fast
- The first movement is always in the SONATA FORM

- The Sonata Form has 3 SECTIONS
- EXPOSITION, where materials are stated
- DEVELOPMENT, where the composer "plays around" with the material
- RECAPITULATION, where the composer returns to the materials of the exposition

EXPOSITION	DEVELOPMENT	RECAPITULATION
Theme 1 Transition (Bridge) Theme 2 Closing Group	?	Theme 1 Transition (Bridge) Theme 2 Closing Group

EXPOSITION	DEVELOPMEN	RECAPITULATION
Theme 1		Theme 1
Transition (Bridge)	9	Transition (Bridge)
Theme 2	•	Theme 2
Closing Group		Closing Group

Theme 1 and Theme 2 should contrast with each other

EXPOSITION	DEVELOPMEN T	RECAPITULATION
Theme 1 in G minor		Theme 1 in
Transition	9	Transition
Theme 2 in E-flat major	•	Theme 2
Closing Group in E-flat major		Closing Group

Agitated theme

EXPOSITION	DEVELOPMEN	RECAPITULATION
Theme 1 in G minor		Theme 1 in
Transition	9	Transition
Theme 2 in E-flat major	•	Theme 2
Closing Group in E-flat major		Closing Group

Calm theme

EXPOSITION	DEVELOPMEN	RECAPITULATION
Theme 1 in G minor		Theme 1
Transition	9	Transition
Theme 2 in E-flat major	•	Theme 2
Closing Group in E-flat major		Closing Croup

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Theme 2 in E-flat major	•	Theme 2 in G minor
Closing Group in E-flat major		Closing Group in G minor

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Mozart, Symphony No. 40 in G minor, I

Pieces to Know

- Eine kleine Nachtmusik, I Allegro, Track 22, The 99 Most Essential Pieces of Classical Music
- Symphony No. 40, I, Track 11, The 99 Most Essential Pieces of Classical Music

Terms to Know

- Prodigy
- Köchel Number
- Antecedent-Consequent Structure
- Serenade
- Symphony
- Sonata Form

- Exposition
- Development
- Recapitulation