

Born in last year of the Baroque and lives into the late Classic period

Influences:

Style Galant of J. C. BACH

Empfindsamer style of C. P. E. Bach

Key figure in the development of the "Classic" Style

Born in Austria

12 children—two others have careers in music

1740 choir boy at St. Stephen's in Vienna
Largely self-taught
1750-60 gives music lessons, performs

Lives in Großes Michaelerhaus (attic)
Princess Maria ESTERHAZY (first floor)
Pietro METASTASIO (third floor)

Through Metastasio meets
Nicola PORPORA

1758/9 — Count Karl MORZIN

1761 — Anton ESTERHAZY as Vice-kapellmeister for choral music

1762 — Nikolaus ESTERHAZY



Esterhaza in Eisenstadt

2 music rooms (2 concerts per week)2 theaters (2 operas per week)Chamber music daily

Musicians considered servants—
 cannot publish, distribute music

Works in isolation at Esterhaza
1766 Haydn becomes Ober-Kapellmeister

1780s — meets MOZART

Gottfried, Baron van Swieten
who introduces Haydn to music of
BACH and HANDEL

Op. 33 uses "String quartet" as designation for first time

Titles set "Gli Scherzi" for its fast minuet movements

1790 — Anton Esterhazy, does not like music Disbands Esterhaza musical establishment

Does not release Haydn from service But allows him to work as free agent

Haydn moves to Vienna
Engaged by impressario J. P. SALOMON
for series of concerts in London
1791-92, 1794-95

Tremendous Success

1791—receives honorary degree from Oxford

1792 meets Beethoven

1794—Nikolaus Esterhazy re-establishes music at Esterhaza

Influenced by model of Handel composes oratorios in late 1790s—

The Creation (Die Schöpfung) 1796-98 The Seasons (Die Jahrzeiten) 1798

Dies in 1809

Piano Sonata

Instrumental Sonatas

String Trios, Quartets

SONATA

Symphony

Concerto

Opera Arias, Ensembles

Early symphonies have 3-4 movements

Fast - Slow - Fast

"Italian" opera overture model (Sammartini)

or

Slow-Fast-Slow-Fast

Andante - Allegro - Minuet - Presto

Based on Sonata da Chiesa model

Tends to write MONOTHEMATIC symphonies

Writes seven-part rondos in

ABACABA form

'C' being a quasi-development section

Symphony No. 92 in G Major, "Oxford," Hob. I:92

- 1. Adagio—Allegro spirituoso (G)
- 2. Adagio cantabile (D)
- 3. Menuetto—Allegretto (G)
- 4. Presto (G)

1. Adagio — Allegro spirituoso

Movement alternates tonally stable thematic ideas with unstable developmental passages

1. Adagio — Allegro spirituoso Exposition has 3 distinct motives

First motive begins on V⁷



1. Adagio — Allegro spirituoso Second motive follows in Tonic



1. Adagio — Allegro spirituoso Third motive is cadential



Adagio — Allegro spirituoso
 Haydn introduces minor-mode motive
 (based on the rhythm of first motive)
 before the closing group

1. Adagio — Allegro spirituoso The Closing Group



2. Adagio cantabile ABA form in D major

Haydn's slow movements tend to provide a calm in contrast to dramatic first movements.

"A" section = a a b a' b a'

"A" contrasted with a dramatic "B" section in the parallel minor (d)

3. Menuetto — Allegretto

"Minuet & Trio" ternary form (ABA)

Each Minuet is in a Rounded Binary Form

Second minuet ("Trio") features
Horns and Bassoons

4. Presto (Finale)

Built on two themes with Transitional and cadential groups

After 1770, Haydn finales are often rondos, such as the ABACA form.

"Sonata-rondo".

The A and B sections resemble a sonata-form exposition.

The C is largely developmental.

The return of B is in the tonic key.

Gottfried van Swieten introduces Haydn to Handel's music

Haydn hears Handel's oratorios in London

— Israel in Egypt —

and is deeply moved.

The Creation (Die Schöpfung) 1796-98

Johann Peter SALOMON gives Haydn a libretto written for Handel (but not set by him) based on the Book of Genesis and John Milton's *Paradise Lost*

Baron van Swieten writes the German texts based on an English text.

Haydn simultaneously works on English-language and German-language versions of the text

Written for large orchestra of 120

3 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, contrabassoon

2 horns, 2 trumpets, alto, tenor, bass trombones, timpani,

violins, violas, cellos, and double basses.

Fortepiano for recitatives

Chorus of 60

3 vocal soloists, Soprano, Tenor, Bass

as

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael

&

Adam and Eve

The oratorio depicts the

creation of the world, and celebrates God's creation — Nature, Man, the human body, mind, soul as well as humanity's consciousness and awareness of divine reason, the basis of the **ENLIGHTENMENT**



1. Representation of Chaos

- 2. Recitative (Raphael and Chorus):
 - "In the beginning..."
 - "And the Spirit of God..."
 - "And God saw the light..."