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Composers in Focus

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Playlist

- Peer Gynt Suite: Morning (Grieg)
- Also Sprach Zarathustra, Op. 30: Einleitung (R. Strauss)
- Fountains of Rome (Respighi)
- Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun (Debussy)
- Two Aquarelles (Delius, arr. Fenby)
- Beau Soir (Debussy)
- Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 (Villa-Lobos)
- The Planets: Jupiter, Bringer of Jollity (Holst)
- Four Last Songs: At Gloaming (R. Strauss)
- Symphony No.41 in C, K. 55 , "Jupiter", Allegro (Mozart)

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Overview

This playlist explores music where composers address the eternal cycle of time from day to night and back. Using palettes of sound, they paint scenes ranging from first glimmers of sunshine sparkling on dew-bejeweled fields, to the smoldering heat pouring down from the midday sun, and the sweet serenity which so softly soaks in as day melts into evening and then twilight into night.

They do so by taking one or more of the following approaches:

- Imitation (e.g., birdsongs)
- Impression (e.g., light sparkling wind-whipped waves)
- Imagination (e.g., celestial orbs)
- Inspiration (e.g., a human response to nature)

These pieces also sample an array of instrumentations and musical styles from late-18th Century mid-20th Century

It Sounds Like Music to Me - I

Playlist

- Hail, O greenest branch (Von Bingen)
- The Four Seasons: Spring, Allegro (Vivaldi)
- The Seasons: Autumn, Thus Nature man's labour (Haydn)
- Symphony #6 in F, Op. 68, "Pastoral": Storm and Hymn (Beethoven)
- Piano Sonata #14 in C sharp minor: "Moonlight" (Beethoven)
- Nine German Arias: Flaming rose, ornament of the Earth (Handel)
- Spirit of Trees, Sonata for Harp & Guitar, Op. 37 (Hovaness)
- And God Created Great Whales (Hovaness)
- Illuminations of the Beyond (Messiaen)
- Two Psalms, H117: Psalm 148 (Holst)
- All things bright and beautiful (Rutter)

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It Sounds Like Music to Me - I

Overview

This playlist explores music where composers have addressed various aspects of living nature, including:

- Trees
- Seasons
- Storms
- Celestial Orbs
- Birds
- Whales... and more!

They do so using one or more of the following approaches:

- Imitation (e.g., birdsongs)
- Impression (e.g., sparkling water)
- Imagination (e.g., celestial bodies)
- Inspiration (e.g., one's response to nature)

These pieces also span a wide range of instrumentations, musical styles and time periods, from the early 18th Century to the middle of the 20th Century.

It Sounds Like Music to Me - II

Playlist

- ❑ Concerto for Organ No. 11: The Cuckoo and the Nightingale (Handel)
- ❑ Chants D'Auvergne, Series IV, Lou Coucut (Canteloube)
- ❑ Siegfried: Forest Murmurs (Wagner)
- ❑ Helios Overture, Op. 17 (Nielsen)
- ❑ Piano Sonata #14 in C sharp minor, "Moonlight" (Beethoven)
- ❑ Images, Book I: Reflections in the Water (Debussy)
- ❑ Ma Vlast (My Fatherland), Vysehrad (Smetana)
- ❑ Die Schone Milllerin, D 795, Wohin? (Schubert)
- ❑ Sea Interlude IV: Storm (Britten)
- ❑ Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming (Pretorius)
- ❑ Christmas Concerto: Pastorale (Manfredini)

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It Sounds Like Music to Me - II

Overview

This playlist explores music where composers have addressed various aspects of nature, including:

- Birds
- Forests
- Celestial Orbs
- Streams, Rivers & Seas
- Storms
- Flowers
- Pasture

They do so in one or more of the following ways:

- Imitation (e.g., birdsongs)
- Impression (e.g., sparkling water)
- Imagination (e.g., celestial bodies)
- Inspiration (e.g., one's response to nature) \

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Playlist

- First Mass for Christmas: Kyrie (Anonymous)
- 0 Come, 0 Come, Emanuel (Anonymous, arr. Denson)
- Praeter rerum seriem (Lassus)
- Christmas Vespers: Laudate Dominum (Monteverdi)
- In Nativitatem D.N.J.C., canticum: Salve, Puerule (Charpentier)
- Christmas Concerto in G minor: Grave – Vivace (Torelli)
- Variations on Christmas Carols: Noel sur les jeux d'anches (Daquin)
- Christmas Oratorio: Part IV, #43, Chorus (J.S. Bach)
- Ave Maria (Bruckner)
- Vespers, op.37: Ave Maria (Rachmaninov)
- The Birth of the Lord: God among us (Messiaen)
- A Ceremony of Carols, op.28 (Britten)

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Overview

This playlist introduces you to a wide array of music that celebrates the Christmas holiday, music that goes well beyond the classic carols.

Multiple Forms: The list suggests a spectrum of pieces that feature various musical forms and instrument/voice combinations, including examples of: masses/vespers, motets, cantatas, oratorios to theme and variations, meditations, concertos and solo works.

Multiple Periods: it explores works spanning roughly 1,000 years of musical development, enabling you to hear how composers passed their compositional batons (so to speak) from one period to the next, from the Medieval period, through the] Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic periods and well into the Modern era.

Multiple Cultures: The list is comprised of pieces that will treat your ears to a sonic sampler of musical tastes across Europe, from Italy, England and France to Germany, Austria, and Russia.

Sacred Italian Music of the Baroque

Playlist

- Concerto grosso, G minor, op. 6 no. 8 Allegro (Corelli, c. 1700)
- Concerto grosso, G minor, op. 6 no. 8 Largo Pastorale ad Libitum (Corelli, c. 1700)
- Concerto grosso, F minor, op. 1 no. 8 Vivace (Locatelli, c. 1750)
- Concerto grosso, F minor, op. 1 no. 8 Pastorale Andante (Locatelli, c. 1750)
- Miserere (Lotti, c. 1725)
- Crucifixes, (Caldara, c. 1725)
- “The Devil’s Sonata” in G minor: Allegro (Tartini, 1725)
- Stabat Mater (D. Scarlatti, c. 1715)
- Dixit Dominus / Gloria Patri et Filio (Handel, 1707)
- Salve Regina, H.W. 38: Largo – Adagio (Handel, 1707)
- O qualis de cœ sonus, (Handel, c. 1707)
- Gloria, RV. 589, (Vivaldi, c. 1715)
- Jubilate, o amoeni chori, RV. 639 (Vivaldi, c. 1708)
- Gloria in excelsis Deo, RV. 588 (Vivaldi c. 1708)
- Domine Deus, agnus Dei (Vivaldi, c. 1708)
- In exitu Israel, RV. 604 (Vivaldi, c. 1725)

Sacred Italian Music of the Baroque

Overview

This playlist introduces you to a wide array of sacred music that was composed during the baroque period, especially during the first half of the 18 century; Europe at that time was being she by the Enlightenment which feed the universe is exquisitely organized and understandable through observation and reason.

The Baroque period was when the giants of music we know today emerged, e.g., Bach, Handel and Telemann (north of the Alps) and Vivaldi, Scarlatti and Corelli (along with a host of others whose names sound like pasta dishes).

The list explores multiple forms of sacred music, from choral works such as masses and cantatas go concertos which are instrumental pieces. It also exposes you to a wide range of emotions as some of the works Address the polite of the Israelis in exile or the tears of mother Mary or the flames of the devil to the glories the birth of Christ and the Resurrection.

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Playlist

- Eleven Chorales, 5504b 1:Crux ave Benedicta (c.1875)
- Eleven Chorales: 5504b VII:O Lamm Gottes (c.1875)
- Chorale Prelude BWV 068 Lamm Gottes, unschuldig Bach (c. 1736)
- Eleven Chorales: Wer nur den lieben Gott (c 1875)
- Chorale Prelude BWV 642:Wer nur lieben Gott lässt walten, Bach (c.1736)
- St. Fiancls of'Paola walking on the waves (c.1865)
- Alleluja, S83 / R183 (1862)
- Ave Marla In E major, The Bells of Rome, 5J82:X67 (1862)
- Ave Marla d'Arcadelt, 5183b / R68b (!862)
- Mlssa Choralls: Kyrie / Benedlctus (1865)

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Overview

This playlist leads you on a truly unique journey, where your ears, mind and heart will be both challenged and delighted, as you discover the sacred music of France Liszt. Liszt was one of the towering figures of the romantic period the hearts which spanned most of the 19th Century.

He was both a fantastic pianist and a exceptionally innovative, influential and prolific composer, whose exceptionally complex life included being the first music "superstar", as well as a member of the clergy in the Roman Catholic Church. His spirituality expressed through his music is what we were exploring here. The list includes various musical forms ranging from imaginative tone poems to reflective chorales and powerful settings of the Roman Catholic mass.

Playlist

- Church Sonata in C, K.278 (Mozart, 1777)
- Mass in C minor, K.427 (Mozart, c. 1783)
- Mass No. 14 in C, “Coronation Mass”, K.317 (Mozart, 1779)
- Requiem, K.626 (Mozart, 1791)
- Exultate Jubilate (Mozart, 1773)
- Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, “Kleine Orgelsolomesse” (Haydn)
- Mass No. 7 in B flat, Hob. XXII:7
- Missa Sancti Bernardi von Offida, “Heiligmesse” (Haydn, 1796)
- Mass No. 10 in B flat, Hob. XXII.10 (Haydn, 1796)
- Missa in angustis, “Nelson Mass”, (Haydn, 1798)
- Mass in D minor, Hob. XXII:11 (Haydn, 1798)
- Symphony #30 in C, “Alleluia” (Haydn, 1765)
- The Seven Last Words of Christ (Haydn, 1786)
- The Creation (Haydn, 1798)

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Overview (Pending)

Playlist

A Taste for Tunes and Tales of Yore

- Folk Song Suite, Movement 1: March
- Fantasia on Greensleeves
- Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis

A Passion for the Pastoral

- A Pastoral Symphony, No. 3, Movement 1: Molto Moderato
- The Lark Ascending
- In the Fen Country

A Love of Sailing the Seas and Seeking Adventure

- Sea Songs
- A Sea Symphony, Movement 1: A song for all seas, all ships
- Sinfonia Antarctica, Movement 3: Landscape (Lento)

A Reverence for Religious Music

- Five Variants of "Divas & Lazarus"
- On Hundredth Psalm

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