



Music to Suit Your Mood & Motivation

In Search of Refreshment

Enjoy More Music and Enjoy Music More!

This is the first in what will be an expanding series of program/playlist resources design to help you discover discover and enjoy classical music.

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In Search of Refreshing Music

The Challenge:

The world of classical music encompasses thousands of musical works composed by a cadre of note-worthy composers (pun intended) using a vast array of forms and styles developed over the past millennium, all of which makes finding music that you will enjoy a very daunting task, indeed.

Addressing the Challenge:

The purpose of this series of programs/playlists is to help you find music that aligns with your musical tastes, suits the mood you're in and leads you to the mood and energy levels you desire.

In Search of Refreshing Music

If you are seeking music that will
please your ears, clear your mind and lift your spirit,



Start mining the mother-lode of musical jewels which come in the form of sonatas, suites and concertos composed during the Age of Enlightenment, music explicitly crafted to delight and energize the royalty and aristocrats.

Refreshing Music Series

Refreshing Baroque Works for Winds

Overview

This playlist features five Baroque composers (Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Telemann and Weiss) and three of the musical forms they used to produce a vast goldmine of music which was explicitly crafted to entertain the royalty and aristocrats they served. They penned these pieces during the first half of the 18th Century, amid the dynamic changes and optimism fueled by the Enlightenment.

The instrumental forms included here are:

- **Sonatas:** Feature a soloist (may be accompanied by cello or keyboard), usually have 3 or 4 movements that vary in tempo: slow/fast/slow/fast or fast/slow/fast
- **Suites:** Feature a soloist (may be accompanied by cello or keyboard), or an ensemble, usually have 4 to 6 movements that vary in dance rhythms and tempos
- **Concertos:** Most often feature a soloist and an orchestra that alternate playing separately and together, with 3 movements that alternate in tempo – fast/slow/fast

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Refreshing Baroque Works for Winds

Playlist

- ☐ [Flute Sonatas by Handel](#)
- ☐ [Oboe Concertos by Handel](#)
- ☐ [Flute Concertos by Vivaldi](#)
- ☐ [Oboe Concertos by Vivaldi](#)
- ☐ [Oboe Concertos by Bach](#)
- ☐ [Oboe Concertos by Telemann](#)
- ☐ [Trumpet Concertos by Telemann](#)

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Refreshing Baroque Works for Strings

Overview

This playlist features four Baroque composers - **Bach, Handel, Vivaldi & Weiss** and three of the musical forms they used to write what turned out to be hundred of commissioned pieces designed to entertain the nobles they served. They composed this music during the first half of the 18th Century and the energy and optimism of the Enlightenment is reflected in their music.

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Refreshing Baroque Works for Strings

Playlist 2

- ☐ [Mandolin Concertos by Vivaldi](#)
- ☐ [Violin Concertos by Vivaldi](#)
- ☐ [Cello Concertos by Vivaldi](#)
- ☐ [Lute Suites by Weiss](#)
- ☐ [Lute Sonatas by Weiss](#)
- ☐ [Keyboard Suites by Handel](#)
- ☐ [Keyboard Concertos by Bach](#)

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