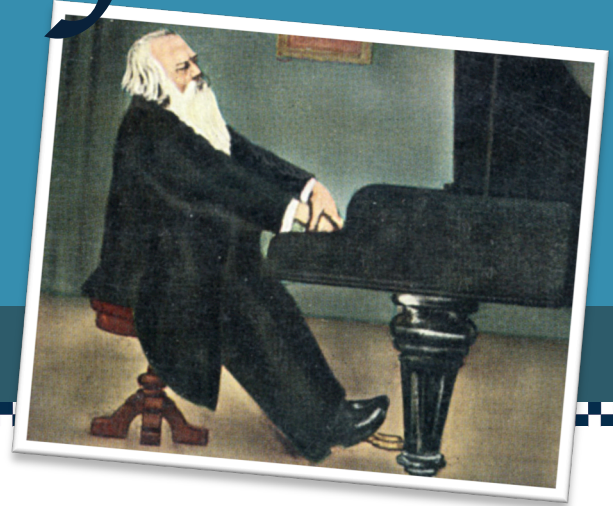


# The Long and Winding Road to a *Masterpiece*

## The Life of Johannes Brahms and His First Symphony

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 12:00 Noon



### Join Us On Zoom!

**A ZOOM invitation link will be provided prior to the presentation. Contact Music Chair, Ann Joseph if you are interested in attending! email: [AnnFJoseph@gmail.com](mailto:AnnFJoseph@gmail.com)**

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## A Music Section Fundraiser Presented by: *David Flaxman*

Please join us via **ZOOM on Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00 pm** to learn about the life and fame of German composer and pianist, Johannes Brahms, one of the greatest composers of all time. At the height of his success during the late 1880s and as well as today, he is usually hailed as one of "**The Three Bs**" of classical music: **Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms.**

Yet it took him more than twenty years to complete his first symphony which was one of the most extreme cases of compositional writer's block ever recorded! What led to this very unusual case of writer's block? David Flaxman tells the story of the torturous process of bringing this magnificent work of genius to the world. Question & Answer to follow.

David Flaxman has a versatile background and many interests. He is a computer scientist, musician, linguist and also worked for many years in the software industry. David teaches music for the American University OLLI Program and speaks multiple languages. And last, but certainly not least, he is the husband of club member Kathy Flaxman!