

FIND OUT MORE... a composer and their music



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Playground

Your school has a special day in July when it is going to be visited by a Brass Band. We think you'll love it! British Brass Bands are traditional, musical ensembles that include a wide variety of brass instruments and percussion. The music that they play is really varied, from operatic overtures to pop music. Your teacher has found out one of the pieces that they will play for you when they visit. You have been given the title and the name of the composer. The composer is the person who wrote the music, but who are they and what can you find out about them other than their name?

Using safe searching, find out as much as you can about the composer of the music under the following headings:

Basic Info

When and where was the composer born? Are they still alive? If not, when and where did they die? How old were they when they died, or how old are they now? Does the composer play an instrument?

Context Info

Were there any major world events that happened at the time this music was being written? Did it influence the music?

Musical Background info

How old were they when they started writing music?

What style of music do they write?

What's their most famous piece of music?

Should we know anything about other pieces that they have written?

How famous is their music - has any of it been used for important events or films, for example?

Music-Specific Info

What can you find out about this piece of music?

When was it written?

Is it the composer's most famous piece?

What does the music describe?

Did it originally have words - was it a song?

Do any parts of the music repeat? Can you tell if there is a specific structure?

Instruments Info

Which instruments take the lead (the tune) in this music? Is the tune (melody) shared around the instruments?

What role does the percussion section have?

Musical thoughts

What do you think of this music?

What does it make you think of when you hear it?

Does the music suit its title? Why do you think this?

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