

CLASSICAL MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS #4



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1> The tone poem for orchestra "Danse Macabre" is a famous work by which composer?

- a. Purcell
- b. Rimsky-Korsakov
- c. Bizet
- d. Saint Saens

2> Known as one of the greatest English composers, in which century did Henry Purcell live?

- a. 19th
- b. 16th
- c. 17th
- d. 15th

3> Nigel Kennedy is famed for playing which instrument?

- a. Violin
- b. Oboe
- c. Guitar
- d. Piano

4> "La Scala" is an opera house in which Italian city?

- a. Milan
- b. Turin

- c. Naples
- d. Rome

5> Which of the following musicians was NOT a French composer?

- a. Liszt
- b. Ravel
- c. Berlioz
- d. Debussy

6> Who composed the operas "La Traviata" and "Rigoletto"?

- a. Bizet
- b. Verdi
- c. Offenbach
- d. Puccini

7> A productive and leading composer of the Classical era, which composer had the first names Wolfgang Amadeus?

- a. Beethoven
- b. Brahms
- c. Mozart
- d. Bach

8> Written in 1893, which of Dvorak's symphonies is known as "From the New World"?

- a. 9
- b. 5
- c. 7
- d. 6

9> Written in 1880, to what year did Russian composer Tchaikovsky dedicate a famous overture?

- a. 1912
- b. 1712
- c. 1612
- d. 1812

10> On which instrument is a "Nocturne" usually played?

- a. Flute
- b. Piano
- c. Oboe
- d. Violin

11> First performed in 1692, the opera "The Fairy Queen" is a work by which composer?

- a. Purcell
- b. Vaughn-Williams
- c. Britten
- d. Elgar

12> Also known as the Mighty Handful, "The Five" were a group of 18th Century composers from which country?

- a. England
- b. Russia
- c. Germany
- d. America

13> How is Beethoven's 3rd Symphony better known?

- a. Leningrad
- b. Choral
- c. Summer
- d. Sinfonia Eroica

14> What nationality is the composer Kurt Weill?

- a. German
- b. American
- c. Austrian
- d. Dutch

15> What is the name of the male voice that lies between Bass and Tenor?

- a. Baritone
- b. Bel Canto
- c. Tenorite
- d. Alto

Answers:

- 1> Saint Saens - The Danse Macabre was written in 1874.
- 2> 17th - Purcell's legacy was a distinctively English form of Baroque music.
- 3> Violin - Nigel has recently left classical music to perform jazz, klezmer and other music genres.
- 4> Milan - La Scala opened its doors in August of 1778.
- 5> Liszt - Franz Liszt was a 19th-century Hungarian composer.
- 6> Verdi - Giuseppe Verdi lived from October 1813 to January 1901.
- 7> Mozart - During his life, Mozart composed over 600 works.
- 8> 9 - From the New World is also known as the New World Symphony.
- 9> 1812 - The overture commemorates Russia's defense of its motherland against Napoleon's invading armies in 1812.
- 10> Piano - A Nocturne is typically a musical composition that is inspired by the night.
- 11> Purcell - The Fairy-Queen was first performed on May 2nd, 1692 at the Queen's Theatre in London.
- 12> Russia - The Five consisted of Balakirev, Cui, Mussorgsky, Rimsky-Korsakov and Borodin.
- 13> Sinfonia Eroica - Beethoven wrote the piece in 1804.
- 14> German - Kurt lived from 1900 to 1950.
- 15> Baritone - Baritone is the most common male voice.

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