

# CLASSICAL MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS #5



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1> With album sales reaching several million, "Vanessa-Mae" found fame playing which musical instrument?

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

2> A composer of classical music and opera, what nationality is John Coolidge Adams?

- a. American
- b. Canadian
- c. English
- d. Scottish

3> A collection of six instrumental works, which composer wrote the famous "Brandenburg Concertos"?

- a. Schubert
- b. Beethoven
- c. Schumann
- d. Bach

4> Which of these Italian musical terms describes the slowest style of playing?

- a. Allegro
- b. Presto

- c. Vivace
- d. Andante

5> Which of the following prolific composers was NOT an Italian?

- a. Liszt
- b. Verdi
- c. Vivaldi
- d. Rossini

6> Who did Beethoven originally dedicate his 3rd Symphony (Eroica) too?

- a. Julius Caesar
- b. George Washington
- c. Napoleon
- d. Alexander the Great

7> Written in 1908, who composed the symphonic poem "Isle of the Dead"?

- a. Rimsky-Korsakov
- b. Prokofiev
- c. Mendelssohn
- d. Rachmaninov

8> Which composer's heart was buried in Poland, but his body buried in France?

- a. Wagner
- b. Chopin
- c. Liszt
- d. Dvorak

9> What is the name usually given to music composed between 1600-1750?

- a. Baroque

- b. Romantic
- c. Classical
- d. Modern

10> How many players are involved in a string quartet?

- a. 4
- b. 6
- c. 2
- d. 3

11> Composed in 1866, "The Blue Danube Waltz" was written by which Strauss?

- a. Johann
- b. Richard
- c. George
- d. Ludwig

12> The composition "Peter and the Wolf" was written by which Russian composer?

- a. Mendelssohn
- b. Rimsky-Korsakov
- c. Prokofiev
- d. Tchaikovsky

13> How many keys does a piano have?

- a. 108
- b. 88
- c. 98
- d. 68

14> In what century did German composer and pianist "Johannes Brahms" live?

- a. 20th
- b. 19th
- c. 17th
- d. 18th

15> Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev produced a satirical opera entitled "The Love for Three..."?

- a. Oranges
- b. Apples
- c. Onions
- d. Pears

## Answers:

- 1> Violin - Vanessa-Mae's first album, The Violin Player, was released in 1995.
- 2> American - Adams won a Pulitzer Prize in 2003.
- 3> Bach - The Brandenburg Concertos are regarded by many as some of the best orchestral compositions of the Baroque era.
- 4> Andante - Andante means moderately slow and even.
- 5> Liszt - Franz Liszt was a 19th-century Hungarian composer.
- 6> Napoleon - Taking place in Vienna, the first public performance of Symphony No. 3 was in April of 1805.
- 7> Rachmaninov - The piece was inspired by Arnold Bocklin's painting, 'Isle of the Dead'.
- 8> Chopin - After Chopin's burial in France, his sister Ludwika took his heart back to Poland in 1850.
- 9> Baroque - The era of Baroque was followed by the Classical era.
- 10> 4 - A string quartet consists of two violin players, a viola player and a cellist.
- 11> Johann - The Blue Danube was first performed in Vienna sometime in February of 1867.
- 12> Prokofiev - A children's story with both music and text, Peter and the Wolf was written in 1936.
- 13> 88 - The piano was invented sometime around the year 1700.
- 14> 19th - Johannes wrote a number of major works for orchestra including two serenades, two piano concertos and four symphonies.
- 15> Oranges - The opera made its debut at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago, Illinois on December 30th, 1921.

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