

CLASSICAL MUSIC TRIVIA QUIZ

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- 1> Who wrote "The Hebrides Overture"?
- 2> Handel's Messiah was first performed where?
- 3> Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" are concertos for ?
- 4> Bach had how many children?
- 5> In which opera does the heroine perish in an avalanche?
- 6> What conductor recently parted company from La Scala opera house in Milan, after a series of high-profile disagreements?
- 7> The SACKBUT is an ancestor of the modern?
- 8> The symphonic tone poem "Night on Bald Mountain" was written by?
- 9> Which 1970's rock group released an album based on a rearrangement of Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition"?
- 10> Mahler's Second Symphony is often referred to as the?
- 11> Which is not one of the "three tenors" - Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras, or Roberto Alagna?
- 12> Which of these composers died on the same day as Stalin? Prokofiev, Shostakovitch or Khatchaturian?

13> Beethoven's Sixth Symphony is also known by this name.

14> The composer of the opera "Akhnaten" was?

15> Verdi commented at the Paris premiere that, by the end of the overture, he knew it was "written by a madman". Name the overture.

Answers:

1> Mendelssohn - The overture is also known as "Fingal's Cave Overture".

2> Dublin - First performed in 1742, in what is now the Temple Bar area of Dublin, "Messiah" was written in only 21 days

3> violin - Vivaldi also wrote accompanying sonnets, one for each season.

4> 20 - Bach himself was the last child of 8, born in 1685 and died in 1750

5> La Wally - "La Wally", by Catalani, was the source of the aria used in the film "Diva".

6> Riccardo Muti - Muti also served as musical director of the Philadelphia Orchestra, from 1980 to 1992

7> trombone - The name is derived from Middle French, "sacquer" to push and "bouter" to pull.

8> Mussorgsky - This music was used as accompaniment to the Witches' Sabbath sequence in Disney's "Fantasia".

9> Emerson Lake and Palmer - The set of piano pieces was also orchestrated by Ravel.

10> Resurrection - The Titan is Mahler's First Symphony; the Eroica is Beethoven's Third Symphony

11> Alagna - In 2000, (indicted lobbyist) Abramoff diverted \$185K of Indian tribe contributions to organize a Three Tenors concert.

12> Prokofiev - Prokofiev died on March 5th 1953, an hour before the dictator who had tyrannized the last 17 years of his life.

13> Pastoral - Beethoven wrote the Pathetique sonata (for piano). The Pathetique symphony was written by Tchaikovsky

14> Philip Glass - cousin of Ira Glass, for any NPR fans.

15> Tannhauser - The Paris premiere, in 1861, goes down in musical history as a debacle.

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