

MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS VIII



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1> Who was too deaf to hear the applause when he conducted his Choral Symphony's debut in Vienna on May 7, 1824?

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

2> You may remember that George Michael was in Wham. But who was in it with him, and went on to become as big as a failure as a racecar driver as he was as a solo artist?

- a. John Oates
- b. Curt Smith
- c. Andrew Ridgeley
- d. Dave Stewart

3> Three of these are real politicians. Which one is a Dead Kennedys singer who ran for mayor of San Francisco in 1979, with a platform requiring all downtown businessmen to wear clown suits?

- a. Dick Armey
- b. Canaan Banana
- c. Jello Biafra
- d. Omar Bongo

4> Kenny Rogers, Styx, the Little River Band and Jack Jones all recorded different songs with what same title?

- a. Grand Illusion
- b. Reminiscing
- c. Lady

d. Come Sail Away

5> In Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf", different instruments represent different characters. The string section represents Peter. What instrument represents the Wolf?

- a. Oboe
- b. Flute
- c. French horns
- d. Clarinet

6> Just as Jonathan Larson's death from an aortic aneurysm was announced at the premiere of Rent, Giacomo Puccini's death was announced during a performance of what opera, on which "Rent" was based?

- a. La Boheme
- b. Madama Butterfly
- c. Il Trovatore
- d. La Traviata

7> Although it's now the EU anthem, what did Hitler have played at his 1937 and 1942 birthday concerts?

- a. Beethoven's Ode to Joy
- b. Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite
- c. Mozart's Eine Klein Nachtmusik
- d. Handel's Messiah

8> Both Moxy Fruvous and the Ramones have done cover versions of what cartoon superhero's theme song?

- a. Mighty Mouse
- b. Spider-Man
- c. Batman
- d. Underdog

9> Brian May used a sixpence coin instead of plectrum to play a homemade guitar called the Red Special for what band?

- a. Aerosmith
- b. Led Zeppelin

- c. Queen
- d. Black Sabbath

10> What former Michigan autoworker's concert in Liverpool managed to break the Beatles' attendance record?

- a. Roy Orbison
- b. Eddie Cochran
- c. Johnny Cash
- d. James Brown

11> On the album "Headquarters", what band (for the first time) actually played all their own instruments?

- a. The Archies
- b. Milli Vanilli
- c. The Monkees
- d. The Spice Girls

12> Because Colonel Tom was worried about his immigration status, Elvis only played in one country beside the US. Which one?

- a. Canada
- b. Cuba
- c. Mexico
- d. Bahamas

13> Creedence Clearwater Revival blazed a trail for southern-influenced rock. Which state were they from?

- a. California
- b. Louisiana
- c. New York
- d. Texas

14> In what room in his Graceland mansion did Elvis drop dead?

- a. Bathroom
- b. Kitchen
- c. Gymnasium
- d. Bedroom

15> The first CDs were 74 minutes and 33 seconds long, because Sony president Norio Ohga insisted they be long enough to hold whose Ninth Symphony?

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

Answers:

1> Beethoven - Around 1796, at the age of 26, Beethoven began to lose his hearing. The cause of his hearing loss is unknown.

2> Andrew Ridgeley - Andrew released a guitar and drum driven solo recording entitled, Son of Albert, in 1990.

3> Jello Biafra - In June 1978, Jello responded to an advertisement placed by guitarist East Bay Ray, stating 'Guitarist wants to form punk band', and together they formed the Dead Kennedys.

4> Lady - Styx's 'Lady' was written by keyboardist and founding member Dennis DeYoung for his wife, Suzanne Feusi.

5> French horns - Peter and the Wolf was first performed in 1936 in the USSR.

6> La Boheme - The world premiere performance of La boheme was performed in Turin on 1 February 1896.

7> Beethoven's Ode to Joy - The Beethoven setting was adopted as the Anthem of Europe by the Council of Europe in 1972.

8> Spider-Man - Moxy Fruvous was a politically satirical pop band from Canada that formed in 1989, and disbanded in 2001.

9> Queen - May was ranked at No. 26 on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the '100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time'.

10> Johnny Cash - Cash has been inducted in the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

11> The Monkees - Despite the death of Davy Jones in February 2012, the surviving members have announced that a reunion tour will commence in November 2012.

12> Canada - Elvis once said of Parker, "I don't think I'd have ever been very big if it wasn't for him. He's a very smart man."

13> California - CCR was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993 and were ranked at number 82 on Rolling Stone's 100 greatest artists of all time.

14> Bathroom - Elvis has been inducted into multiple music halls of fame.

15> Beethoven - Beethoven works for symphony orchestra include nine symphonies. The Ninth Symphony includes a chorus.

