

Classics for Kids Listening Schedule

Below is a 32 week schedule that provides you with a tour through western classical music. We will cover musical works and composers from the 1700's through the 1900's.



How to Listen

For each module, I recommend listening to the introductory podcast followed by the piece. In addition, there is an activity sheet and extra enrichment activity to round out your learning.

Encourage your child to listen actively in a quiet space. Provide them with a piece of paper and art supplies so they can draw or write about what they hear. You might want to collect your child's projects and create a notebook.

Questions to discuss as you listen:

- What is the mood of the music?
- Do you hear themes in the music return? *The architectural plan of a musical piece is called the form and often includes recurring themes.*
- Which instruments do you hear? *Learn more about musical instruments [here](#).*
- What dynamics (quiet, loud, etc.) do you hear ?
- What is the tempo (speed of the beat) of the music?
- What type of rhythm patterns do you hear?

Additional Listening

Last but not least, if your child is particularly interested in a composer or piece take some time to dig deeper. Classics for Kids has additional podcasts for each composer and a huge library of recommended books, games, and videos that you can access for free [here](#). You might also go to YouTube or check out CD's from the library to listen to the music of each composer in more depth.

I hope your homes are filled with beautiful music this year. Happy listening!

	Listening Schedule
1	<input type="checkbox"/> What is the Baroque Period podcast
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: J.S. Bach podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2: Movement 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Story of the Brandenburg Concertos podcast and quiz
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: G.F. Handel podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Watermusic: Hornpipe <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Story of Handel's Water Music podcast and quiz
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: A. Vivaldi podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Four Seasons: Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Poetry and Sound Effects in Vivaldi's Spring Concerto podcast and quiz
5	<input type="checkbox"/> What is Classical Music podcast
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: L.V. Beethoven podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Symphony No.8, mvt. II <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Beethoven's Symphonies podcast and quiz
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: F.J. Haydn podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Symphony no. 45 <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Father of the Symphony podcast and quiz
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: W.A.Mozart podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Piano Sonata No.11: Turkish Rondo <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: What is a Rondo podcast and quiz
9	<input type="checkbox"/> What is the Romantic Period podcast
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: G. Bizet podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: L'Arlésienne Suite <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Harmonic Texture in the Farandole podcast and quiz
11	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: J. Brahms podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Hungarian Dance No. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Brahms Hungarian Dances podcast and quiz
12	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: F. Chopin podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Polonaise in A Major: No. 1, "Military" <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Famous Pianist-Composers podcast and quiz

13	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: A. Dvorak podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Slavonic Dance No. 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Music Nationalism circa 1848 podcast and quiz
14	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: E. Grieg podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: The Peer Gynt Suite: In the Hall of the Mountain King <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Story of Peer Gynt podcast and quiz
15	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: F. Mendelssohn podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: A Midsummer Night's Dream: Scherzo <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: A Midsummer Night's Dream podcast and quiz
16	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: M. Mussorskgy podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Pictures at an Exhibition: Promenade <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Pictures at an Exhibition podcast and quiz
17	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: N. Rimsky-Korsakov podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Flight of the Bumblebee <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Tale of Tsar Saltan podcast and quiz
18	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: G. Rossini podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: William Tell Overture: Finale <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Story of William Tell podcast and quiz
19	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: F. Schubert podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Marche Militaire <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Music for Piano Four Hands podcast and quiz
20	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: R. Schumann podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Album for the Young: The Happy Farmer <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Clara Schumann podcast and quiz
21	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: P.I. Tchaikovsky podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Nutcracker: Russian Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Nutcracker podcast and quiz
22	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: G. Verdi podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Aida: Triumphal March <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Story of Aida podcast and quiz
23	<input type="checkbox"/> What is Impressionist Music podcast
24	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer: C. Debussy biography

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25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: Read about M. Ravel <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Bolero <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Listen to Pavane for a Dead Princess
	Contemporary Music (no podcast)
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: B. Britten podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Simple Symphony: Playful Pizzicato <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Simple Symphony podcast and quiz
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: A. Copeland podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Appalachian Spring: Variations on a Shaker Tune <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: What is a Fanfare podcast and quiz
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: G. Gershwin podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Rhapsody in Blue: Andante <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Rhapsody in Blue podcast and quiz
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: D. Kabalevsky podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: The Comedians: Galop <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Comedians Suite podcast and quiz
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: Zoltán Kodály podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Háry János Suite: Viennese Musical Clock <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Kodály Method podcast and quiz
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: S. Prokofiev podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: Lt. Kijé Suite: Troika <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: Peter and the Wolf podcast and quiz
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composer: I. Stravisky podcast and quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Work: The Firebird: Infernal Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Enrichment: The Firebird podcast and quiz