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Classical Music and You

Join Classical KING FM 98.1 and Newspapers In Education in this four-part series as we share the joys of classical music.

WEEK 2

Let's face it: Speaking and writing aren't always the best methods of communication. When we feel complicated emotions such as love, anger, sadness or emptiness, it's hard to express in words. Luckily, for those difficult times, we have the gift of music. Throughout history, the human race has used music to convey emotions words fail to describe; and music is a universal language that not only conveys feeling but also gives us important information about past cultures and people.

- "Here comes the bride, all dressed in white!" If you've ever been to a wedding, you're probably familiar with two songs. One, the "Bridal Chorus," is played when the bride walks down the aisle at the beginning of the ceremony. Another, the "Wedding March," can be heard when the newly married couple walks back down the aisle and out the doors. What you might not have known is that both of these very familiar songs were written more than 150 years ago by two classical composers, Richard Wagner and Felix Mendelssohn, respectively! These days, millions of couples use these pieces in their wedding ceremonies because they are a universal expression of joy and love — emotions we can't always describe in words.
- Just after Sept. 11, 2001, when the twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center collapsed, something amazing happened in Seattle: The Seattle Symphony began its first season concert by playing "The Star-Spangled Banner." But instead of offering the usual polite applause, the entire audience stood up and began spontaneously singing along, many with tears in their eyes. At a time when many Americans couldn't quite describe their mixed emotions following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, thousands of Seattleites found a common cause in the music.
- About a decade ago, archaeologists unearthed a 9,000-year-old flute in China — the oldest playable instrument in the world. Music, like art, is a form of expression that scientists believe has existed for almost as long as humans have walked the earth. As mysterious as we find the culture, practices and daily life of ancient humans, it's comforting to know that we aren't so different than they were. Even though they didn't have paper or pens, they, like us, loved their families, needed food and shelter to survive, and found joy in playing and listening to music.

YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS COMPETITION

Every spring, Classical KING FM 98.1, in partnership with Seattle Chamber Music Society invites young musicians to enter the Young Artist Awards Competition, a unique Northwest competition where students vie for a chance to perform on live radio — a rare opportunity and a great life experience!

KING FM and Seattle Chamber Music Society seek to encourage young musical talent in the Northwest by bringing them on-air. "We need to put these kids out in front. They have the 'music bug' and this is worth sharing on-air," says Bryan Lowe, KING FM program director. This year, the competition is in two categories: for ages 6-13 and ages 14-20.

The top 10 finalists will be announced on May 13, and a panel of Northwest judges will select the two final winners in each age category.

VOTE in the Young Artist Competition!

You can participate too!
Vote for your favorite young musician
at KING.org April 29 – May 13.
You be the judge!

The top 10 finalists will perform in the KING FM studios for the popular NW Focus LIVE program at 8 p.m. Friday, May 10. The top two winners will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, May 24, for a final live concert broadcast at 98.1 FM.

EXPLORING MUSIC

How does a violin make the sound of a buzzing bumblebee? Tune in to Classical KING FM 98.1 for "Exploring Music," where you can learn quirky musical facts such as this. "Exploring Music" is a two-minute adventure in music airing every night at 6 p.m. The segment is designed to introduce all ages, including children, to the often fascinating and unusual stories behind classical music.



Classical music can seem mysterious, even overwhelming, but just a little bit of fun knowledge can open the doors wide for enjoying the music. And KING FM is committed to sharing classical music with the next generation through "Exploring Music." Host Lisa Bergman says it best: "Every night at 6 p.m., I get to share the innermost secrets of over five centuries of classical music peppered with anecdotes about instruments, sound, disasters and hilarity — all within an intense, two-minute sound bite."

Listen every night at 98.1 FM, or go to king.org for a complete online selection of "Exploring Music" segments.