Discover how the Classical period was very nearly one of the worst moments in the history of Western music and how the genius of composers overcame the limitations of the era and produced works of astonishing force and vision. Music discussed includes compositions by JC Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert.

Interestingly, the Classical period was very nearly one of the worst moments in the history of Western music, as the re-action against Baroque composers introduced a shallowness and a transparency of style that potentially removed gravity and depth of expression in the music. Fortunately, the genius of composers such as JC Bach, Haydn and Mozart overcame the limitations of the era and produced works of astonishing force and vision. In the case of Haydn, his energies were channeled into the development of the symphony and the string quartet, in the case of Mozart it was contributions to the concerto and, particularly, the opera that not only perfected the forms, but also paved the way for the next generation of composers.


About the tutor

Peter Medhurst's musical training at the Royal College of Music was followed by coaching at the Mozarteum in Salzburg. Peter's work as singer, pianist and lecturer-recitalist has taken him all over the world: he has lectured for the Universities of Kent and Surrey, directed a wide range of choirs, vocal ensembles and instrumental groups, and adjudicated and given masterclasses for the British Federation of Music Festivals.

Peter’s particular interests are centred on the music, art and history of Vienna, Salzburg, Berlin, Halle, Dresden, Venice, Rome, and Delft. He is director of The Classical Music Company, an organisation that promotes special musical events, creates films about the arts, produces recordings and organises specialist music tours to unusual locations both at home and abroad. He has also directed presentations at the Wallace Collection, the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery and the V&A, linking the visual arts with the world of 17th & 18th century music-making. He is a familiar face to audiences of music societies, regional theatres and British festivals as well as to those of arts based organisations such as The Art Fund, The National Trust and the Arts Society. He has made numerous radio appearances on Classic FM, Radio 3, Radio 4, and made many recordings.
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