



Composer Challenge!

Composer List and Featured Works

Each week a new composer's "Featured Works" will be added. The featured works are listed under the composer's name.

Works that are available from Mrs. Layug's "Music Library" are starred. For others, try your local library (Schaumburg Library has a great selection) or, with your parents' guidance, internet resources like I-tunes. Use the composer's last name and/or a piece's title as search words.

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The first four are all fun, light pieces; the last is more formal music.

- ♥ *Sleigh Ride*
- ♥ *Fiddle Fiddle*
- ♥ *The Waltzing Cat*
- ♥ *Buglers Holiday*
- ♥ *Piano Concerto in C major*

J.S. Bach

- ♥ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**
- ♥ *Tocatta in d minor**
- ♥ *Concerto for Two Violins in d minor** (In Suzuki books 4 and 5!)
- ♥ Solo violin sonatas and partitas* (there is also a set for cello)

Samuel Barber

- ♥ *Adagio for Strings*
- ♥ *Violin Concerto** (available from me by special request; should also be at the library)



Bela Bartok

- ♥ *Rumanian Folk Dances* (fabulous violin solo or string orchestra arrangement—you could play it in high school or college!)
- ♥ *Concerto for Orchestra*
- ♥ String quartets

Ludwig von Beethoven

Leonard Bernstein

Johannes Brahms

Max Bruch

John Cage

Frederic Chopin

Muzio Clementi

- ♥ Piano sonatas and sonatinas (see www.clementisociety.com for some audio clips!)

Aaron Copland

Arcangelo Corelli

- ♥ *Christmas Concerto*
- ♥ *Variations on La Folia*

Claude Debussy

Josquin des Prez

- ♥ *Absalon, fili mi**
- ♥ *Missa l'homme arme* (there are two; try either)

Antonin Dvorak

Edward Elgar

Giovanni Gabrieli

- ♥ *In Ecclesiis*
- ♥ *Sonata pian'e forte** ("soft and loud sonata"—it's actually played by brass)
- ♥ Many other motets, especially for brass and choral. Check the library!

George Gershwin

Christoph Gluck

- ♥ "Dance of the Blessed Spirits"

Edvard Grieg

Georg Frideric Handel

- ♥ "Hallelujah" or "Worthy Is the Lamb" (from *The Messiah*)*
- ♥ Music from the Royal Fireworks
- ♥ "Largo" from *Xerxes**

Franz Joseph Haydn

- ♥ "*Surprise*" Symphony
- ♥ Violin Concerto in G major
- ♥ Trumpet Concerto in Eb major
- ♥ *The Creation*

Gustaf Holst

Charles Ives

Scott Joplin

Franz Liszt

J.B. Lully

- ♥ *Te Deum*
- ♥ *Gavotte (on Suzuki 2 CD!)*

Gustav Mahler

Felix Mendelssohn

W.A. Mozart

- ♥ *Sinfonia Concertante*
- ♥ Any Violin Concertos or Violin Sonatas*
- ♥ *Exsultate Jubilate*
- ♥ *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night Music)**

Modest Mussorgsky

Johann Pachelbel

- ♥ Canon in D* is by far his best known piece, but Pachelbel wrote many other beautiful works for organ, chorale, and other instruments. Try checking the library or the internet for recordings of other pieces.

Palestrina

- ♥ *Magnificat prima toni*
- ♥ *Lauda Sion**

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Maurice Ravel

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Camille Saint-Saens

Arnold Schoenberg

Franz Schubert

Robert Schumann

Dmitri Shostakovich

Jean Sibelius

John Philip Sousa

Johann Strauss

Igor Stravinsky

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Antono Vivaldi

- ♥ Concerto in A minor* in Suzuki 4!
- ♥ The Seasons* (“Fall”, “Spring”, “Winter”, “Summer”)
- ♥ Tons of other great violin music!

Richard Wagner

John Williams

Color Key

Renaissance period (1450-1600)

Baroque period (1600-1750)

Classical period (1750-1825)

Romantic period (1820-1900)

Modern period (1900-present)

Want to find out more about your composer? Search an encyclopedia or on-line reference for more details about his country, personal quirks, and what life was like in his day. You can add your fun facts to the “Notes” board in the orchestra room!

