



## Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

### Lovers' Classics – Classics 2010

This concert by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra features music focusing on the theme of love and the pieces have been inspired by some of the most well-known love stories by the great writer William Shakespeare. Using the following links for information, answer the questions about the life and work of William Shakespeare:

[http://www.absoluteshakespeare.com/trivia/biography/shakespeare\\_biography.htm](http://www.absoluteshakespeare.com/trivia/biography/shakespeare_biography.htm)

<http://www.shakespeare.org.uk/content/view/12/12>

1. William Shakespeare is assumed to have been born and died on the same date, only in different years. What is the month and day in common? What year was Shakespeare born in and in what year did he die?  
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2. What is the name of Shakespeare's wife?  
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3. What theatre in London, England did Shakespeare co-own and was also the place where most of his plays were performed during his life?  
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4. Name 5 plays that Shakespeare wrote.  
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5. The royal family of England was very powerful in Shakespeare's time. What was the name of the queen that ruled while Shakespeare was alive?  
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6. True or False: Shakespeare not only wrote plays, but was also a stage actor.  
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7. What are the names of the two families in *Romeo and Juliet*?  
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8. Shakespeare is well-known for writing a certain type of poem that is made up of 14 lines. What is this kind of poem called? How many did Shakespeare write in his lifetime?  
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9. What is the name of the first collection of Shakespeare's works, which was released in 1623?  
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10. What is the name of Shakespeare's first released poem, which is named after two famous lovers in Roman myth?  
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**Answers to worksheet questions:**

1. April 23; born 1564; died 1616
2. Anne Hathaway
3. The Globe Theatre
4. Answer varies depending on what plays students choose
5. Queen Elizabeth I
6. True
7. Montague and Capulet
8. Sonnet; 154
9. The First Folio
10. *Venus and Adonis*

\*Before the concert, teachers should also familiarize students briefly with the basic stories of Antony and Cleopatra, and Romeo and Juliet. Synopses can be found at:

[http://www.shakespeare-literature.com/Antony and Cleopatra/0.html](http://www.shakespeare-literature.com/Antony_and_Cleopatra/0.html)

[http://www.shakespeare-literature.com/Romeo and Juliet/0.html](http://www.shakespeare-literature.com/Romeo_and_Juliet/0.html)