



Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

Mozart's Birthday – Classics 2010

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is considered one of the greatest composers of classical music. Using the following websites, look for the answers to the questions below:

<http://www.wolfgang-amadeus-mozart.com/bio.htm>

<http://www.dsokids.com/listen/ComposerDetail.aspx?composerID=15>

http://www.naxos.com/person/Wolfgang_Amadeus_Mozart/15934.htm

1. What date was Mozart born on?

2. When did Mozart die? How old was he?

3. What country did Mozart spend most of his life in? (Also where he was born)

4. What is the name of the last opera that Mozart wrote?

5. Mozart received his early musical instruction from whom?

6. Mozart wrote six quartets for what famous composer that was writing music at the same time?

7. Mozart wrote what piece, which was unfinished when he died, with the fear that he was writing the music for his own funeral?

8. What instrument did Mozart most excel at playing, even filling the role of soloist in concert for some of his own compositions?

9. Between what years during Mozart's childhood did he travel around to European cities such as Paris and London with his father and sister to perform in concerts?

10. In what Austrian city did Mozart do a large portion of work up to the end of his life?

Answers:

1. January 27, 1756
2. December 5, 1791; 35 years old
3. Austria
4. The Magic Flute
5. His father, Leopold Mozart
6. Franz Joseph Haydn
7. Requiem Mass
8. Piano/keyboard
9. 1763-1766
10. Vienna