



Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

Mozart's Birthday – Classics 2010-11 – At the Concert

Before the concert begins, read over the questions presented here and keep them in mind while listening to each piece.

1. The Overture to the Marriage of Figaro by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is very well known. Listening to the piece, have you heard it before? Do you remember where, or what it was used for? What kinds of emotions does the music invoke?

2. Franz Joseph Haydn and Mozart lived and composed music during the same historical time period. After having listened to Mozart's Piano Concerto Number 21 and Haydn's Symphony Number 101, compare the styles of the two composers. What is similar about the pieces and what is different? Do you like one better than the other?

3. George Butterworth was a composer that lived in the early 1900's and died serving in the British Army during World War I. The small amount of music he composed that has survived includes "The Banks of Green Willow", which is included in this concert program. How do you think this piece fits with the Mozart and Haydn pieces? Do you hear anything that is similar? How do you think the difference in time periods affects the differences or similarities between them?
