
Anyone for classical music?

Posted by CJH357 - 2008/03/02 11:58

Hello all,

I was just wondering if anyone round here is interested in classical music (properly, that is, not just the odd famous piece here and there :P). There are obviously a lot of people on this site with lots of different tastes and I was just seeing if anyone has this in common with me!

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by bkgreen - 2008/03/03 19:29

I prefer mostly ones from mozart, bach, paganini, and haydn, though I guess I lean more on the romantic style. As far as classical music goes, I love it especially the dynamics and melody styles.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Lalu - 2008/03/04 16:17

I always listened to classical cassettes when I was younger (and everyone made fun of me 'cause I didn't like nsync :P). My favorite composers are Mendelsshon and Chopin, and probably Handel too.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by secretfreedom7 - 2008/03/07 18:59

I dont really listen to classical too much, but i like any ochrestra or symphonic music. Epecially movie soundtracks :P. Hans Zimmer and John Williams are my favorite composers

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by titojtd - 2008/03/18 11:34

I love all types of music, including Classical. I'm especially fond of Renaissance and Baroque music. I think that my favorite composers from those periods are Bach, Marin Marais, and John Dowland.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by sarchus1 - 2008/03/21 19:46

I am high whenever I listen to classical and opera :laugh: . Music is my soul and I am a music maker. I love classical and opera a lot especially romanticism. I am doing two majors and one of them is vocal performance. I don't have a favorite composer because they are all excellent and you can always find something interesting and unique in each of them. For example, I like Reynaldo Hahn a lot for several reasons. First of all, most of his works have very beautiful lyrics, even though he did not compose the lyrics. Secondly, his repertoires requires a lot of artistic skills to perform effectively even though they seem easy. Listen to L'Heure exquise on youtube and you will see it. I also like Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven, Handel, Vivaldi, R.Vaughan Williams and Quilter. I will have a recital in May. I will probably perform some pieces from these composers such as Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal by Quilter, Die Forelle by Schubert, and one Papageno aria from the opera Die Zauberflote by Mozart.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by White Houses - 2008/03/28 05:24

i love classical music. i have to sing it. see, i am in gov. school for the arts and we mostly sing classical, opera, arias. its fun. i just finished working on caro mio ben, se florindo e fedele, and o del mio dolce ardor. now im taking a break from the hard stuff and getting ready to work on fields of gold. its fun. challenging, but fun. :silly:

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Cernunnos - 2008/03/28 21:08

I love classical music.
I'm quite eclectic.

I like Hildegard of BIngen to Richard Wagner.

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by titojtd - 2008/03/30 03:58

Hildegard von Bingen? Someone's got some good music education ;). Good for you.

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Shaethesu - 2008/04/01 12:24

The extent of my classical music repetoire that I listen to is probably just film music. I'm completely in love with the Lord of the Rings soundtrack. Listen to it all the time.

I do enjoy playing traditional (I suppose that's the word) classical music on the piano, particularly Romantic stuff (Chopin, Mendhellson etc), but I don't tend to listen to it that much.

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Posted by secretfreedom7 - 2008/04/01 13:21

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The LOTR soundtracks rock! :woohoo:. I've got the cd's for the 1st and 2nd films. Can't wait to get the 3rd one. :D

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Jupetta - 2008/04/20 03:02

I enjoy listening to early more Baroque-like Classical such as Mozart, if not just Baroque itself. I've also developed quite an affinity for listening to Romantic era composers lately. Eugene Butler being one of my favorites. His compositions generally flow with emotions.

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Steely Dan - 2008/04/24 16:13

there's a lot of good classical music and a lot of shitty classical music. I like mostly 1300 to bach and then the late romantic to modern.
Also it's cool playing Bach in reverse.

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by davidthemusicgeek - 2008/04/26 04:11

Yeeeeeeeah classical music! :P
Tchaikovsky anyone?

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by CJH357 - 2008/04/26 11:38

Tchaikovsky? Of course :P I was listening to his Nutcracker suite earlier today - I must have been in one of my fun music moods!

I'm pleased and surprised that there has been interest in this topic and that it's still on the first page! :ohmy: I'm clearly just not used to having such conversation with the people I know.

How are people when it comes to concert going for classical music?

My first concert was unfortunately when I was 17. Nobody in my family is music. None of them is interested in classical music etc. etc. I'm the odd one with all the marvellously intellectual interests that get on their nerves :P Anyway, having that background, I never really got into the swing of concert going (and I don't have much money).

But, last August, I thought it was about time for a concert. So, I settled on a BBC Prom! I saw No. 38 - Brahms's Tragic Overture and 3rd Symphony as well as Sibelius's 5th Symphony.

Then, in February, I took my best friend to a concert of Strauss music and ballroom dancing.

Now, as the BBC Proms are going to be an annual event for my three closest friends and me, we shall be making an appearance in the gallery once more this August. Most likely to see Dvorak's 6th Symphony and Brahms's Violin Concerto I believe. Being the one most inclined towards listening to classical, I'm the lucky one who gets to pick which Prom we go to. Yay!

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Jupetta - 2008/04/28 14:49

I know exactly how that is myself. =/
Other than listening to my school's symphonic band I don't ever have the opportunity to listen to any live music performed. I'm the only person in my family for an inclination toward anything musical.

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by BravoLima - 2008/05/10 03:03

Most classical music is like hearing an old man talk about World War 2. They never seem to get to the point, and beat around the bush, boring you to suicide before they talk about any action. That said, I feel the same way about a lot of jazz... It's just my approach. Hmm, the moonlight sonata, some of Mozart's more famous... A Chopin nocturne. It's got to have some melody for me, not a whole bunch of notes that the composer put in for 'texture'. Ugh :sick:

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Rachavaara - 2008/05/11 09:40

Classical music!

I love music. Gunna study it at university...

Then again my favourite stuff is more Ligeti than Mozart,

but I still love some of the older stuff. Rachmaninov - beautiful modern romantic stuff.

Turina - Crazy spaniard,

Rawsthorne - Knows just what he's doing. All the time. Terrifies me.

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Trebo - 2008/05/14 10:08

I'm not BIG on classical music, but I deffinitely respect the musicianship. One of my favourite albums of all time is a Psy-trance album made entirely from classical motifs. Its called Classical Mushroom by Infected Mushroom, if anyones interested.

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Invidia - 2008/05/15 16:13

i love classical music; im going to a conservatory in September to study it.

i prefer music from the romantic period onwards (exception being Beethoven). baroque/classical music just bores me. in music there has to be something in the work that i can connect with. a story, a scene, an emotion.

favourite composers: Liszt, Debussy, Ravel, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff

and someone mentioned Ligeti; he's amazing :)

i dont really go to concerts much; there has to be something big in the programme like the Liszt Sonata or a Rachmaninoff Concerto to get me there lol... incidentally there is a concert here over the summer involving the Liszt Sonata so i might go; i'd be on my own though because no one i know can stand Liszt x_x

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Tessen - 2008/05/26 00:20

Invidia wrote:

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yay. I like your top 4. But then again there are tons of composers here and there that I love. like Scarlatti :)

I just love how you can hear the development of complexity (emotional, physical) as the time periods pass...its amazing.

I just hope I can finally start getting some real lessons in college. I'm gonna stalk the music department :D

I wish I had more questions to ask you guys and continue the discussion, but I'm sleepy. (and listening to Ravel - Une Barque sur l'océan) ;)

Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by RainbowMuse - 2008/06/02 22:47

I have listened to and performed music from just about every part of the classical music spectrum. My favorites are operas (and oratorios too), Romantics (go Tchaikovsky!), and 20th Century. I'm actually training to go into vocal performance, but I'm told I have a promising career with piano, violin, or bassoon. I've been told I'm good at economics too, but I don't find that appropriate. lol

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by titojtd - 2008/06/09 10:29

I agree fully with BravoLima in that a lot of classical music, like mid-classical period onwards, is just SO long winded and NEVER gets to the point until after like..... ten+ minutes. That's what I hate most Romantic period music :). However, there are some notable exceptions, like Schubert's "Die Erlkonig", which could be considered to be a part of the Classical period.

I've heard many people say that they don't like Baroque music. What?? Am I missing something here? How could you not like music from people like Bach, Vivaldi, etc.?

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Ares_gold - 2008/06/12 18:11

I like Vivaldi! lol Lately I've listened Spring from the four seasons a lot, it seems appropriate.

In general, I listen to a lot of classical music (especially piano solo). I play a lot too. My favorite would have to be Chopin, but I love Beethoven and many others. Right now I'm working on one of Chopin's fantasias.

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lol I know what you mean. Especially when performers keep trying to be all emotional with a whole lot of rubato... personally, I love rythm. They shouldn't mess with it that much.

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and Claire de Lune. How about you guys?

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by paintballjock - 2008/07/05 16:50

Oh wow. Cool to hear so many respond about classical music. Glad i'm not the only one.

i play piano for about 10 years..and enjoy vocal music as well. Lately i've been listening to a lot of contemporary stuff like Ligeti, George Crumb, Elliot Carter, David Diamond etc.

I wish I could go to more concerts. Its pretty expensive though.

Cant wait to chat with somre of you guys. =)

Mike

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Invidia - 2008/07/07 20:14

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im mainly working on the Liszt 'Snow-Storm' Etude (only one piece but its a LOT of work):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeesfPkasoU>

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Wurlitzermad - 2008/07/08 14:11

Heya

Bach . Widor . Scarlatti

Basically anything that works with what i play , Organ and Harpsichord =]

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by ipod_freek - 2008/07/22 11:55

Thank whatever higher powers there are that someone finally listens to the stuff I do! I feel so un-alone!

I listen to/play a lot of stuff, but Romantic and Neo-Classical are my favorites. There is so much complexity to them, and they aren't very repetitive, although when you have ADD, everything is repetitive...

And yes, there is hope for new compositions. Shigesato Itoi's "MOTHER3" soundtrack (iTunes) is a great example. It is mostly digitalized, but the piano bits are so simple, yet so well done.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Jupetta - 2008/07/25 06:45

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Debussy is a genius amongst Romantic composers. He is the poster-child of impressionism. My Madrigal Choir performed "Dieu! Qu'il la Fait" from his Trois Chansons. It was a beautiful piece, and difficult to learn, but it remains to be one of my favorites. Each part has it's on counter melody which is what I found one of the more difficult parts along with the harmony.

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=xD9wIolEvo8&feature=related>

That's not my group performing it, but it's one of the better recordings that I've found.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by whale - 2008/07/25 07:10

wooo someone likes Ligeti. Steve Reich is my personal hero, probably.. I appreciate the master works pre 1860, but it rarely gets me reeeeeeally excited, the biggest exceptions being mozart's requiem and beethoven nine. I'm a bit of a Wagnerophile, Tristan und Isolde is really something else. and the impressionist stuff gets me going. however I'm more into 20th century stuff and new music -- berg, stravinsky, scelsi, cage, (LIGETI!!!), stockhausen, john adams, john luther adams, xenakis, grisey, murail, claude vivier, damien ricketson, brett dean

i wish i knew more about new music outside australia. is anyone into that stuff?

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Steely Dan - 2008/07/26 14:55

Ligeti, Reich, Adams, Cage, Bach, Debussy, Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Frank Zappa, and Samuel Barber are all pretty good.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by whale - 2008/08/02 01:28

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by carrion1984 - 2008/08/04 06:53

Reich has written a few really brilliant pieces (i'm thinking Music for 18 musicians, daniel variations, maybe tehillim?) but Adams is far more consistent, and his operas are genius. His style is probably a better blend of accessibility and complexity, and the grand, meditative energy of pieces like the Dharma at Big Sur and Harmonielehre are my favourite tools for converting non-believers to classical music.

still, if you want to sit through something in concert and come out change at the end of it, probably Rachmaninov, Messiaen, Lindberg, Tavener and Adès are the best for it.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by whale_mouse - 2008/08/09 03:21

ah, i would say my favorite composers are ravel and schubert, definitely. brahms isn't bad either and shostakovich is the sex. i'm a violin player.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by whale - 2008/08/09 04:52

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I have always found that John Adams strikes an interesting balance between the being esoteric and being appealing to a wider audience. but because of that, i actually think the opposite of the Adams-Reich comparison, since Steve Reich stylistically has far more unity (or repetitiveness, whichever way you look at it), I'm not a fan of the LA earthquake "opera", but i can't fault pretty much any of Reich's music.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by Heisenberg - 2008/10/14 07:25

Wow, it's amazing to see so many people into classical music! I tried introducing it to my friends, and they usually just flee the room...

I'm definitely a big fan of the late Classical / Romantic periods, so obvious composers like Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Schubert, Haydn, Brahms and so on. And I can never resist a Rachmaninoff piece.

I must admit that I don't know much about the modern stuff, as I never really got into it much, but perhaps that's because I haven't listened to enough of it.

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Re:Anyone for classical music?

Posted by MildlyObnoxious - 2008/10/14 09:25

I have an interest in classical music, although nothing in particular, just whatever's on.

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