

Stevie Wonder

D.O.B: 13/05/1950

Music: Superstition / Signed Sealed Delivered

Nationality: American

Period: Pop

Instrument: Piano and voice



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Key facts:

- Stevie Harland Morris is one of the most famous singer songwriters of our time and has won many awards.
- Stevie was premature as a baby and was born blind, but he still learned to play the piano and drums to the best of his ability.
- He learned to play music and sing in the church he went to as a little boy.

Lady Gaga

D.O.B: 28/03/1986

Music: Born this Way, Rain on Me, Just Dance

Nationality: American

Period: Pop

Instrument: Piano and voice



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Key facts:

- Lady Gaga is a very famous pop singer-songwriter, most well known for her outrageous outfits, as well as her support for LGBTQ+ groups throughout her career.
- Lady Gaga was trained as a classical pianist, which she uses to her advantage in her songs.
- She is not just a musician – she has starred a number of shows and movies, such as ‘a star is born’ as well as ‘American Horror Story’.
- She has written and sung songs with a wide range of other artists, including Elton John, Ariana Grande, Black Pink, Tony Bennett.

Ludvig Van Beethoven

D.O.B. 1770 - 1827

Music: Symphony No.9, Symphony No.5

Piano Sonata

Nationality: Austrian / German

Period: Romantic

Instrument: Piano



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Key facts:

- Studied composition in Vienna under Joseph Haydn.
- Most famous for writing Symphony No.9 and No.5.
- Was almost completely deaf by the end of his career.
- Wrote music for orchestra / Piano.

Hildegard Von Bingen

D.O.B. 1098 - 1179

Music: Ordo Virtutum, various sacred songs.

Nationality: Holy Roman Empire/German

Period: Medieval

Instrument: Voice, but also a composer!



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Key facts:

- She is considered the founder of scientific natural history in Germany.
- Composer, writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, visionary, and polymath (lots of information on different subjects).
- She was one of the first women composers!

Clara Schumann

D.O.B. 1819 - 1896

Music: Piano Trio in G minor/ Quatre Polonaises

Nationality: German

Period: Romantic

Instrument: Piano



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Key facts:

- She was a child prodigy, and was taught piano by her father.
- She was a performer as well as a composer, even though at the time women were not normally 'allowed' to do this.
- Clara was one of the first piano players to play pieces from memory!

Steve Reich

D.O.B. 1936

Music: New York Counterpoint and Music for 18 Musicians

Nationality: American

Period: Modern/Contemporary

Composing style: Minimalism



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Key facts:

- He is a key composer of minimalist music (short repeating loops or patterns)
- He originally studied drums as he wanted to be a Jazz player
- He has a piece of music just for two people clapping – it's harder than it sounds!

Scott Joplin

D.O.B. 1868-1917

Music: Maple Leaf Rag/ The Entertainer

Nationality: American

Period: Ragtime/Early Blues

Instrument: Piano



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Key facts:

- He is viewed as the 'King of Ragtime'.
- Joplin composed over 100+ works!
- His pieces have been used in films and advertising a long time after his death (The Sting, and the Felix cat food advert)

George Bridgetower

D.O.B. 1778-1860

Music: Diatonica armonica for piano

Nationality: Polish

Period: Classical/Romantic

Instrument: Violin and piano



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Key facts:

- He was known as 'the famous virtuoso from Africa', but his father was probably from the West Indies.
- He could speak over 3 languages fluently!
- Beethoven originally dedicated a famous violin piece to Bridgetower, however he 'scratched' out his name on it when they fell out with each other.

J.S. Bach

D.O.B. 1685-1750

Music: Prelude in C Major/Brandenburg Concertos

Nationality: German

Period: Baroque

Instrument: Piano (and composed for many others!)



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Key facts:

- He is viewed as one of the greatest composers of all time!
- He composed and arranged a lot of sacred (religious music)
- Bach's family was a family of musicians and composers; he is one of the most well known!

Billie Holiday

D.O.B. 1915-1959

Music: What a little moonlight can do/ Blue Moon

Nationality: American

Period: Jazz and Blues

Instrument: Voice



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Key facts:

- She was well known for her improvised singing, or scat singing.
- Billie's offstage name was Eleanora Fagan, and was nicknamed Lady Day by some Jazz musicians.
- She was not a song composer as such, but her composed melodies were outstanding for the time.

John Coltrane

D.O.B. 1926-1967

Music: Giant Steps

Nationality: American

Period: Jazz/Bebop/Hard bop

Instrument: Saxophone/composer



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Key facts:

- Learnt to play saxophone in the Navy in the second world war.
- Wrote the album 'Blue Train'.
- Friends with 'Miles Davis' a very famous trumpeter.
- One of the most influential saxophone players!

Joseph Bologne

D.O.B. 1745-1799

Music: Symphony No 1 In G major

Nationality: French

Period: Classical

Instrument: Violin/Composer



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Key facts:

- Was given the nickname 'le Mozart noir'.
- One of the first classical composers with African heritage.
- Mozart envied Bologne, and it is thought that Mozart stole ideas from Bologne.

Florence Price

D.O.B. 1887-1953

Music: Symphony No.1 in E major/ Violin Concerto

Nationality: American

Period: Modern/contemporary

Instrument: Pianist/organist/composer



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Key facts:

- The first African-American woman to have her music performed by a major symphony orchestra in 1933.
- She was an organist for silent film screenings (before speakers and orchestras were involved!).
- Her influences include the music of the African-American church, as well as Dvorak and Tchaikovsky.

William Grant Still

D.O.B. 1895-1978

Music: Afro-American Symphony No.1

Three visions for Piano

Nationality: American

Period: Modern/Contemporary

Instrument: Conductor/violinist/woodwind



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Key facts:

- The first African-American to conduct a major American symphony orchestra, have an opera produced, have his symphony performed by a leading orchestra, and have an opera performed on national TV.
- He composed more than 150 pieces of music during his lifetime.

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

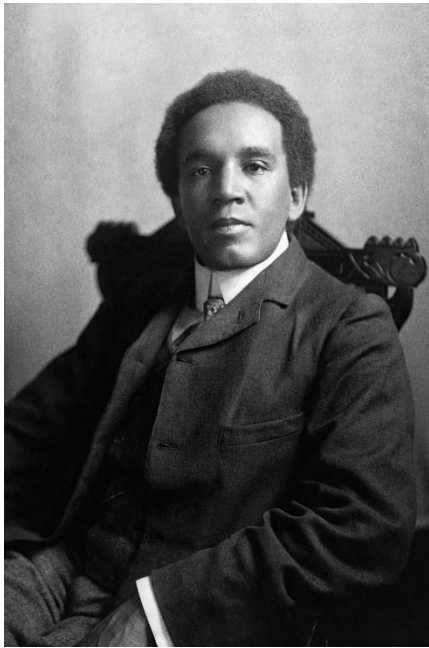
D.O.B. 1875-1912

Music: African Suite/African Romances

Nationality: English

Period: Late romantic/Modern

Instrument: Pianist/organist/composer



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Key facts:

- He was taught Violin by his family members at a young age, but changed to practising composing during university.
- He fought against racial prejudice all of his life.
- He was recommended by Edward Elgar, which helped spark his career.

Francis Johnson

D.O.B. 1792-1844

Music: Fireman's Cotillion/ The Grave of a Slave

Nationality: American

Period: Late classical/Romantic

Instrument: Violin/keyed bugle



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Key facts:

- The first African-American composer to have his works printed as sheet music!
- He wrote over 200 pieces during his lifetime.
- He also was the first African-American to give public concerts.

Ignatius Sancho

D.O.B. 1729-1780

Music: Minuet/country dances

Nationality: English

Period: Early Classical/Classical

Instrument: Composer



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Key facts:

- He was originally born on a slave ship bound from Africa to the West Indies.
- He wrote various books on music theory as well as composing.
- He was the first person of African origin known to have voted in Britain legally!

Antonio Vivaldi

D.O.B. 1678-1741

Music: Four Seasons/ Violin Concerto for 2 violins

Nationality: Italian

Period: Baroque

Instrument: Violin/Composer



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Key facts:

- A lot of his music was written for the all-female music ensemble 'Ospedale della Pieta', a home for abandoned children.
- He was a catholic priest alongside being a musician.
- J.S Bach loved his music so much that he arranged some of his music for piano, and he used Vivaldi's influences in some of his own music (St John Passion and St Mathew Passion).

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

D.O.B. 1756-1791

Music: Symphony No.40, Clarinet Concerto in A

Nationality: German

Period: Classical

Instrument: Violin/Piano/Composer



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Key facts:

- One of the most well known classical composers in history.
- He was extremely prolific in his 35 years of life (600+ pieces!)
- He was one of seven children, however only Mozart and his sister survived childhood.

(Mozart is one of Miss Cunningham's favourite composers too...!)

Pyotr Ilyich *Tchaikovsky*

D.O.B. 1840-1893

Music: Swan Lake/

Nationality: Russian

Period: Romantic

Instrument: Piano /Composer



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Key facts:

- He almost was not a composer – in Russia, it was rare for musical training to be offered, and he was trained as a civil servant until a place at a musical school was available!
- He was married for a portion of his life, but alluded in his personal letters that he was a gay man – some musicologists think you can hear his tension from this in his music.

Freddie Mercury

D.O.B. 1946-1991

Music: Bohemian Rhapsody/Killer Queen/
Crazy little thing called love

Nationality: British

Period: Modern – Glam Rock/ Rock/ Pop

Instrument: Singer/ Songwriter/Piano



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- One of the most well known rock singers from the band Queen
- He could sing in a four octave range (quite low to quite high!)
- He wrote and sung songs in many different genres, including opera!

Lucy Pankhurst

D.O.B. 1981

Music: Borealis/VOX AURI

Nationality: British

Period: Contemporary/modern

Instrument: Tenor Horn/Composer



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Key facts:

- Lucy was the first female composer to receive a British composer award in the Brass/wind band category.
- She wrote a vocal piece with the great granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst, Dr Helen Pankhurst.
- This piece was to celebrate 100 years of suffrage.

Billie Joe Armstrong

D.O.B. 1972

Music: American Idiot/ Welcome To Paradise

Nationality: American

Period: Modern – Pop-punk

Instrument: Voice/electric guitar



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Key facts:

- Billie-Joe is part of the pop-punk band Green Day, who have inspired many pop-punk bands .
- As a part of Green Day, they wrote an album to protest how the media can control society (American Idiot).
- This album is one of their most famous, and it also 'rocked' society at the time as not many musicians were calling out the media.

Elton John

D.O.B. 1947

Music: I'm Still Standing/ Rocketman

Nationality: British

Period: Modern – Glam Rock/ Rock/ Pop

Instrument: Singer/ Songwriter/Piano



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Key facts:

- He has owned Watford F.C. twice in his life.
- He composed the music for 'The Lion King' and 'Billy Elliot'.
- He has collaborated with many different musicians, including Lady Gaga, John Lennon, Stevie Wonder, RuPaul, Alice in Chains, Queens of the Stone Age.
- He has had a movie filmed about his life called 'Rocketman'!

Kaija Saariaho

D.O.B. 1952

Music: Petals (Cello and Electronics)/ 6 Japanese Gardens.

Nationality: Finnish

Period: Contemporary

Instrument: Composer



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Key facts:

- She has a form of synaesthesia, where she can ‘hear’ or assign notes to certain colours and textures.
- She has been ranked as the greatest living composer in a BBC music Magazine.
- Her music is contemporary, meaning that it is the music of now. Kaija’s music uses a lot of electronics and is an exploration of sounds, rather than being a ‘song’ or a piece of music with melodies in it.

George Philipp Telemann

D.O.B. 1681-1767

Music: Flute Sonata in F/ Trumpet Concerto in D

Nationality: German

Period: Baroque

Instrument: Composer/ Multi-Instrumentalist



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Key facts:

- He taught himself the majority of what he knew about music!
- He wanted to study law, but he decided to study music!
- He composed a lot of music, but about half of it has been lost/has not been performed in a long time. Also, some musicians at the time thought his pieces were Bach's!

Kate Bush

D.O.B. 1958

Music: Wuthering Heights/ Running up that Hill

Nationality: British

Period: Pop

Instrument: Piano/Composer/ Vocalist



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Key facts:

- She wrote and produced one of her own albums, Hounds of Love, along with her Brother Paddy Bush!
- She has taken inspiration from some literature/ books with her songs Wuthering Heights and Cloudbusting – She sings about the stories!
- Kate uses a piece of technology called a CMI (Computer musical instrument) in a lot of her pieces, as well as synthesized strings.

Christoph Willibald Gluck

D.O.B. 1714-1787

Music: Orfeo ed Euridice/ Iphigenie en Tauride

Nationality: Bohemian

(Today this is the Czech Republic)

Period: Early Classical (Galante)/Classical

Instrument: Composer/Clavichord



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Key facts:

- Not much is known about Gluck – He was one of the first classical composers, but not as popular as Mozart.
- He liked to write operas, and he was one of the first classical composers to make Operas shorter and more dramatic.
- He once saw Mozart perform a variations on piano on one of his own pieces (a few years before he died).

Hildur Guðnadóttir

D.O.B. 1982

Music: The Joker/ Chernobyl TV series

Nationality: Icelandic

Period: Modern/Film music



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Key facts:

- She has won the following: Academy award, Golden Globe, and BAFTA for the best original score, and she is the first female composer to win both a BAFTA and a Golden Globe.
- She has also won an Emmy and a Grammy Award!
- Her first professional performance was at the age of 10 playing the cello in a restaurant, and she started to learn the cello when she was five years old.

Stormzy

D.O.B. 1993

Music: Crown/ Take Me Back to London

Nationality: British

Period: Modern/ Rap

Instrument: Rapper/Singer/Songwriter



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Key facts:

- He shot into fame after he did some freestyles over classical grime beats!
- He is known for being vocal about his views on politics, and he endorsed Jeremy Corbyn in 2016.
- He has created and funded a scholarship for Black UK Students at the university of Cambridge which covers all costs for up to four years!

Stephen Schwartz

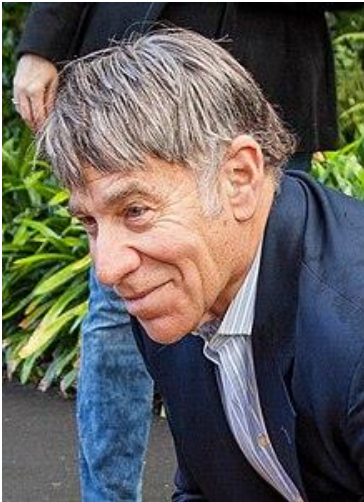
D.O.B. 1948

Music: For Good/Let my People Go

Nationality: American

Period: Modern/Film/Musical

Instrument: Composer and lyricist



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Key facts:

- He has contributed lyrics to a number of Disney films, including Pocahontas and the Hunchback of Notre Dame.
- His most famous musical is Wicked, which has been performed over 1500 times on Broadway?!
- He has received many Tony awards for his work, as well as the Isabelle Stevenson Award for his commitment to current musicians and for fostering new talent.

Esperanza Spalding

D.O.B. 1984

Music: Samba Em Preludio/Sunny Side of the Street

Nationality: American

Period: Modern/Jazz/ Bossa Nova

Instrument: Composer/Bassist/ Singer



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Key facts:

- She originally was a violinist, but self taught herself other instruments.
- She was offered scholarships to two American Universities because of how well she played her instruments.
- Esperanza donates proceeds from merchandise to an organisation that combats human trafficking.

Philip Sparke

D.O.B. 1973

Music: Hymn of the Highlands/ Wind Sketches

Nationality: British

Period: Modern

Instrument: Composer/Trumpet/Piano



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Key facts:

- He writes a lot of music for Wind Band and Brass Bands.
- Because of this, a lot of his music is used as 'test pieces' in brass band competitions!
- Some of his music takes inspiration from places and from the natural elements – wind, water, fire, and earth.

Alicia Keys

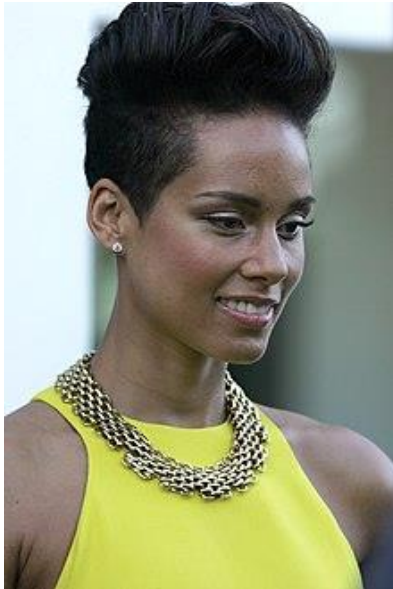
D.O.B. 1981

Music: Empire State of Mind/ If I Ain't Got You

Nationality: American

Period: Pop

Instrument: Singer/Songwriter/Piano



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Key facts:

- She is a classically trained pianist (have a listen to her songs!).
- Alicia is a co-founder and ambassador of 'Keep a Child Alive', an organisation in African and India which provides care and support for those living with HIV and AIDS.
- She has received 15 grammy awards, and sold over 65 million records worldwide!

Daði Freyr

D.O.B. 1992

Music: Think about Things/Where We Wanna Be

Nationality: Icelandic

Period: Pop/modern

Instrument: Singer/Songwriter/Piano/Drums



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Key facts:

- He was meant to represent Iceland in Eurovision 2020 with the song 'Think about things'.
- Six countries held unofficial contests, and his band's song won each one of them!
- His music is very professional and modern sounding, and his music videos are rather... quirky in nature!

Igor Stravinsky

D.O.B. 1882-1971

Music: Rite Of Spring/Petrouchka

Nationality: Russian

Period: Contemporary

Instrument: Composer/Piano



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Key facts:

- He composed many different types of music, including symphonies, octets, and ballets!
- On the premiere of the Rite of Spring, fights broke out as the audience did not like his new music; it was unlike anything they'd heard before.
- After listening to Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty ballet, he was inspired to write Ballets himself!

Mike Oldfield

D.O.B. 1953

Music: Tubular Bells/Moonlight Shadow

Nationality: British

Period: Contemporary/Modern

Instrument: Composer/Guitar/Piano



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Key facts:

- He is also a game designer as well as being a musician.
- Tubular bells was used in some horror movie introductions due to its eerie mood.
- He performed at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics!
- His first main band he joined was with his sister, and they toured Europe playing folk music.

Marianna Martínes

D.O.B. 1744-1812

Music:

Nationality: German

Period: Classical

Instrument: Composer/Singer/Piano



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Key facts:

- She was acknowledged for having a fantastic voice and great composition skills, however she never took up a job in music; it was seen as forbidden for a woman to do this at this time.
- She had keyboard lessons from Joseph Haydn.
- As a child, she sang for the imperial court which was very impressive considering her age!

Noel Gallagher

D.O.B. 1967

Music: Don't Look Back in Anger/In the Heat of The Moment

Nationality: British

Period: Modern/Pop/Britpop

Instrument: Composer/Guitar



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Key facts:

- Noel and his brother, Liam, were in a band called Oasis which produced a lot of famous songs.
- However, the brothers had a massive falling out and have not reconciled since!
- He grew up in Manchester and started playing the guitar when he was 13.
- The first few piano chords in Don't look back in anger are a tribute to John Lennon's song, Imagine (very famous!).