

FURTHER RESEARCH

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Johann Sebastian Bach

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 www.allmusic.com/artist/johann-sebastian-bach-mn0000075140
Lists a very wide range of Bach's music with information on dates and key instruments.
- 2 www.barquemusic.org/bqxjsbach.html
Gives further information about Johann Sebastian Bach's life.
- 3 www.last.fm/music/Johann+Sebastian+Bach
A site where you can hear a large range of Johann Sebastian Bach's music.
- 4 [www.bach-cantatas.com/Articles/Conflicts-Leipzig-1730\[Metcalf\].html](http://www.bach-cantatas.com/Articles/Conflicts-Leipzig-1730[Metcalf].html)
A site which provides more information on the political times in which Johann Sebastian Bach lived.
- 5 www.jsbach.org/web.html
A website of discussion forums and other resources about Bach, including links to other Bach-related websites.

PRINTED RESOURCES

- 1 *Music in the Castle of Heaven: A Portrait of Johann Sebastian Bach* (Allen Lane, 2013) by John Eliot Gardiner
The story of an author trying to understand the work of a great musical master. Gardiner writes about Bach's music and looks at the human side of the great man's personality – both good and bad. Also contains scans of Bach's original musical notation.
- 2 *Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician* (Oxford University Press, 2002) by Christoph Wolff
Gives a rich biography of Bach's life and times.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 www.mozartproject.org/
Lists Mozart's musical compositions in full and gives a detailed chronology of his life.
- 2 www.last.fm/music/Wolfgang+Amadeus+Mozart
A site where you can hear a wide range of Mozart's music.
- 3 www.classicfm.com/composers/mozart/guides/biography-part-2/
This site describes Mozart's European tour (1792–1765).
- 4 www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/wolfgang_amadeus_mozart/
A resource site on Mozart created by the BBC. Includes further information about Mozart and his music, as well as photographs, games and fun facts about the composer.
- 5 www.nytimes.com/2010/11/29/arts/music/29mozart.html?_r=0
An online article on the *New York Times* website that looks at the money worries Mozart suffered in his later life.

FURTHER RESEARCH (CONTINUED)

PRINTED RESOURCES

Mozart: A Life in Letters (Penguin Classics, 2006) edited by Stewart Spencer

Gives translations of Mozart's letters written to his family, friends and his wife Constanze. It also includes letters he received from his father.

PLACES TO VISIT

Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria

This archive, housed in Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, contains historical notes, paintings and graphics of Mozart, as well as a theatre history collection including stage models, sketches and playbills. Also contains programs, posters, newspapers and reviews. Visit the website here: www.mozarteum.at/en/image-database/mozart-archive.html

Giuseppe Verdi

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 www.bbc.co.uk/music/artists/f1bedf1f-4445-4651-9c35-f4a3f3860a13
A site where you can hear a wide range of Verdi's music. There is also a short biography and links for further information.
- 2 www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/education/verdi.html
A site which offers further biographical notes and a selection of compositions.
- 3 www.classicfm.com/composers/verdi/
This site provides notes, photos and illustrations from Giuseppe Verdi's life, as well as informative videos and downloads of his music.
- 4 www.theguardian.com/music/2013/oct/07/verdi-the-revolutionary-separate-fact-from-fiction
This article from *The Guardian* newspaper studies Verdi's influence on Italian politics during his lifetime.
- 5 www.questia.com/library/4539600/giuseppe-verdi-his-life-and-works
A very detailed biography (based on a printed book, now published online) giving further information about the great composer's life. Also provides links to other books about Verdi.

PRINTED RESOURCE

The New Grove Guide to Verdi and His Operas (New Grove Operas) (Oxford University Press, 2007)

This book gives a detailed description of Verdi's operas and the influences upon him when he wrote them.

Johann Strauss

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 www.last.fm/music/Johann+Strauss+II
A site where you can hear a wide range of Strauss's music and learn interesting facts about his life.
- 2 www.last.fm/music/Johann+Strauss+I
The same music site but this time concentrating on the works of Johann Strauss I – his father.
- 3 www.allmusic.com/artist/johann-strauss-ii-mn0000307361
A thorough listing of all of Strauss's music.

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4 www.johann-strauss.org.uk/index.php

This website details the activities of the Johann Strauss Society of Great Britain, whose aim is to discuss, promote and celebrate the works of the Strauss family (both father and son).

PLACES TO VISIT

Vienna, Austria

Johann Strauss lived most of his life in Vienna. This website describes many interesting places a visitor to Vienna can go to, to follow in the footsteps of the great composer: inmozartsfootsteps.com/johann-strauss-jr-and-family/

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 www.classicalarchives.com/tchaikovsky.html#tvf=tracks&tv=about

A site which gives further information about Tchaikovsky's life and provides a list of his works and downloads to listen to.

2 www.timetoast.com/timelines/pyotr-ilyich-tchaikovsky--3

This site provides a detailed timeline for Tchaikovsky's life, putting the events in the order they happened.

3 classicalmusic.about.com/od/historyofballet/a/swanlakeproa.htm

This site gives detailed information about the history and composition of Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*.

4 classicalmusic.about.com/od/balletsynopses/a/thenutcracker.htm

This site gives a synopsis of the story behind Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*.

PRINTED RESOURCE

Tchaikovsky: His Life and Music (Naxos Books, 2007) by Jeremy Siepmann

This book gives a detailed biography of Tchaikovsky's life and works and also contains a CD of his music.

Irving Berlin

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 www.rnh.com/irvingberlin

This site gives further information about Irving Berlin's life and links to his shows and videos, as well as other books about the great songwriter.

2 en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Dream

This Wikipedia site gives a detailed account of the American dream, an ideal which Irving Berlin's life reflected.

3 www.last.fm/music/Irving+Berlin

A site where you can hear a wide range of Berlin's music. There are also further biographical notes videos of his music being performed.

4 www.poemhunter.com/lyrics/irving-berlin/

This site provides lyrics for many of Irving Berlin's most famous songs.

PRINTED RESOURCE

As Thousands Cheer: The Life of Irving Berlin (First Da Capo Press, 1996) by Laurence Bergreen

Gives detailed information about Irving Berlin's life and music
