



Indiana Music Education
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"MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH"
ACTIVITY CALENDAR



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Welcome to Music in
Our Schools Month!

What is your favorite
song/piece of music
that we have all
learned together?

MARCH 1ST





MARCH 2ND

On this day in 1965, the musical film “The Sound of Music” starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer was released.

<https://youtu.be/pLm07s8fnzM>





MARCH 3RD

Today is the singer-songwriter Camila Cabello's birthday! She was born in 1997 in Cojmar, Cuba.



The bass line is G-Eb-D, see if you can follow along! <https://youtu.be/9qQgMJY8gqQ>





MARCH 4TH

Happy March Fourth! Drum Corps International founded Marching Music Day to celebrate marching music as an engaging and ever-expanding art form around the world. https://youtu.be/F4_j5W8-L3g , <https://youtu.be/QgPrnCmsGY8>





MARCH 5TH

On this day in 1974, the operetta
“Candide” opens at Broadway Theater
NYC for 740 performances. Composer
Leonard Bernstein wrote the music

<https://youtu.be/HnJIMSy-o4k>



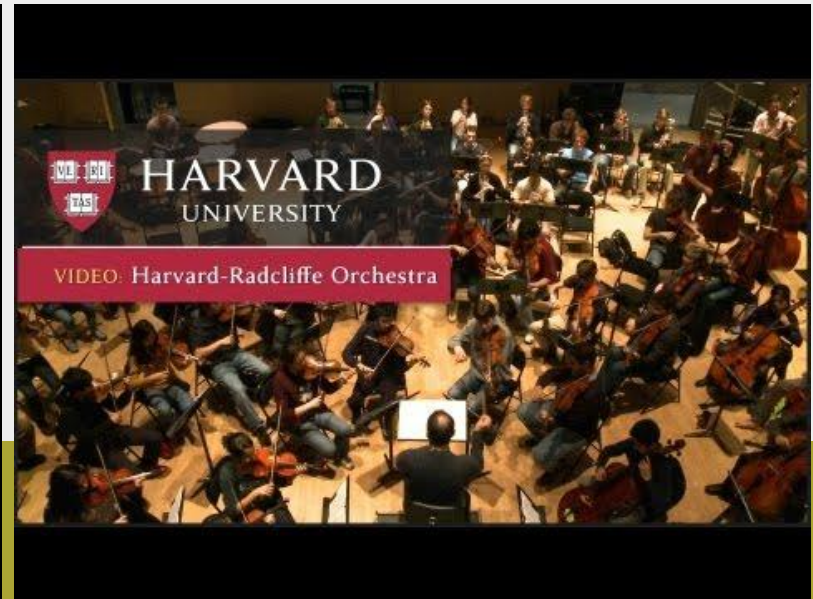


MARCH 6TH

On this day in 1808, the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra (HRO) was founded. This was the first collegiate orchestra in the United States, and some consider it to be America's first symphony orchestra. This orchestra is comprised of Harvard students and it is based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. https://youtu.be/XskY_h8DLrs <https://youtu.be/B77me72RtH4>



Brahms – Symphony 1 – Movement 4





MARCH 7TH

Film Composer Highlight: **Rachel Portman**

Born in England, Portman is a living composer. She became the first woman to win an Academy Award for Best Score in 1996 for *Emma*.

She is currently writing *Ask the River*, her first album of music not written for film, the stage, or TV.



<https://youtu.be/SdVS2FS8LN0>



https://youtu.be/nG05O3sIK_8





MARCH 8TH

Enjoy this video featuring
some less common
instruments!

<https://youtu.be/v62YjjV-Roo>



Subcontrabass Saxophone:
[youtube.com/dlperalta](https://youtu.be/v62YjjV-Roo)

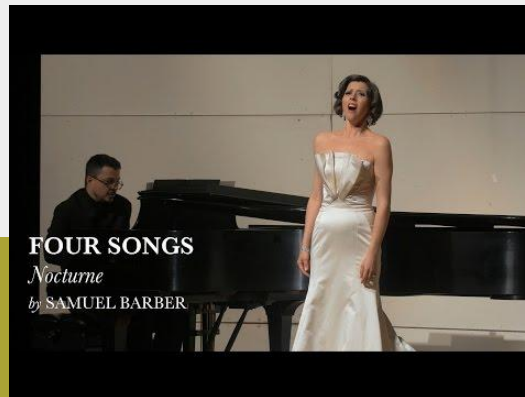


MARCH 9TH

Today in 1910, prolific American composer **Samuel Barber** was born.

Barber composed for orchestra, choir, and solo violin and voice. https://youtu.be/CbP-L_U4jdY

“I think that what's been holding composers back a great deal is that they feel they must have a new style every year. This, in my case, would be hopeless. In fact, it is said that I have no style at all, but that doesn't matter. I just go on doing, as they say, my thing. I believe this takes a certain courage.”





MARCH 10TH

Today is Arthur Honegger's Birthday! He was a Swiss composer who was born in France and lived from 1892-1955. He wrote this famous trumpet solo titled "Intrada" in 1947.

<https://youtu.be/qmojc2QLXOw>





MARCH 11TH

Enjoy this performance of the Bulgarian State Television Female Vocal Choir singing Kval Sviri (the flute plays). Listen for their distinctive timbre, modal scales, unique rhythms, and dissonant harmonies

<https://youtu.be/hVqrW-fPOQ0>





MARCH 12TH

Indiana Musician Feature: **J. J. Johnson**

Born in Indianapolis, Johnson elevated the stature of trombone in bebop jazz and was honored for 19 consecutive years as top trombonist in annual Down Beat magazine reader polls.

<https://youtu.be/3Gc0tQaiuyM>





MARCH 13TH

Enjoy this popular bossa nova song “Waters of March” composed in 1972 by Brazilian composer, arranger, and musician Antonio Carlos Jobim. The lyrics, originally written in Portuguese, do not tell a story, but rather present a series of images that form a collage.

<https://youtu.be/mcERxtlRPQo> <https://youtu.be/wBEesrdaRog>





MARCH 14TH

Today's date is 3/14 or "Pi Day" !

The following composition uses letters in the C major scale to represent numbers 0-9. The composer Michael Blake then wrote the first 31 digits of pi as a musical work. <https://youtu.be/wK7tq7L0N8E>





MARCH 15TH

Music can be found
anywhere! Enjoy this
fun video!

https://youtu.be/SELCH72Q_1Y





MARCH 16TH

Today we are comparing two contrasting musical works. You'll need a scrap piece of paper.

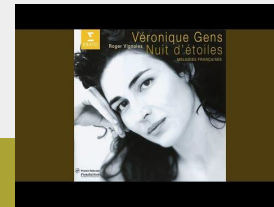
As you listen, create a drawing representing each piece on either side of the paper. You can draw objects, people, places, or abstract lines and shapes.

After listening to both works, what differences/ similarities were there in the drawings? Did you hear a story in either piece? How did you respond to what you imagined in your drawing?



Astor Piazzolla - *Libertango*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MepPfl7ebMY&t=150s>



Claude Debussy - *Beau Soir*

<https://youtu.be/0qnaPMx377g>



MARCH 17TH

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Practice tapping the rhythm below.

Then, try to find the rhythmic pattern
in the harp performance of *Brian
Boru's March*.

<https://youtu.be/goRYB-HkJqU>





MARCH 18TH

Can you match the composer to their musical era?

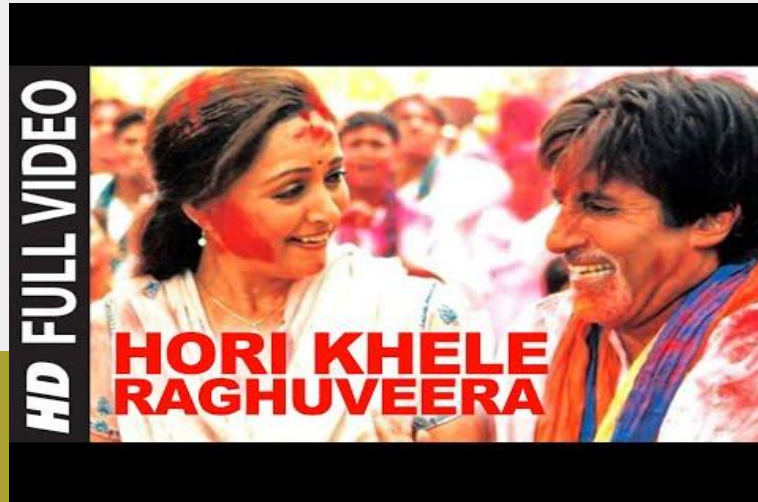
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| A. Baroque | 1. Franz Schubert |
| B. Romantic | 2. Ludwig van Beethoven |
| C. Postmodern | 3. Hildegard von Bingen |
| D. Medieval | 4. J. S. Bach |
| E. Classical | 5. Claudio Monteverdi |
| F. Renaissance | 6. John Cage |

For an additional challenge, order the musical eras chronologically.



MARCH 19TH

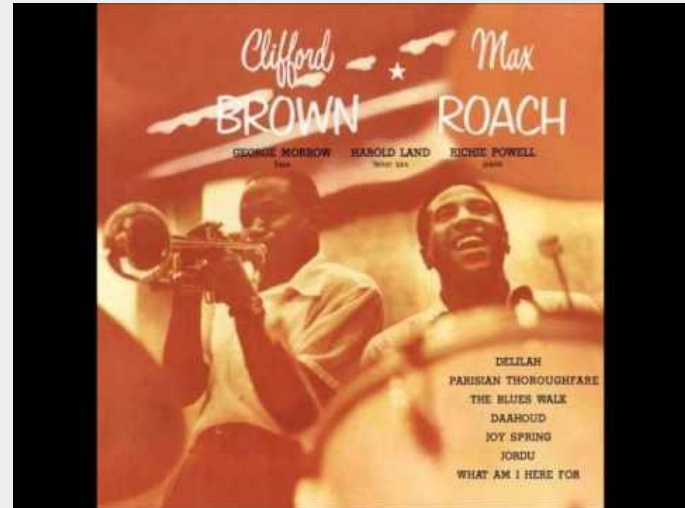
Holi hai! Holi marks the beginning of spring after a long winter, symbolic of the triumph of good over evil. On the day of Holi, entire streets and towns turn red, green and yellow as people throw colored powder into the air and splash them on others. Each color carries a meaning. Red symbolizes love and fertility while green stands for new beginnings. People also splash water on each other in celebration. Later in the day, families gather together for festive meals. <https://youtu.be/87FYp3YLEBM>





MARCH 20TH

Happy First day of Spring! Enjoy this 1954 jazz standard entitled “Joy Spring” composed by trumpeter Clifford Brown. <https://youtu.be/dnK6OHPQZbA>





MARCH 21ST

Music History Feature: **The Golden Age of the Great American Songbook**

The Great American Songbook is a collection of American popular songs and jazz standards from the early 20th century that have stood the test of their life and legacy. Composers and Musicians in the songbook: Cole Porter, Richard Rogers, Irving Berlin, Ella Fitzgerald Fred Astaire, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Doris Day <https://youtu.be/PWHeZBAcPi8>





MARCH 22ND

On this day in 1948, British theatrical composer Andrew Lloyd Webber was born.

Can you identify which musicals ALW wrote?





MARCH 23RD

Warm Up Questions:

- What defines a great musician?
- How does music define a community?
- How does knowledge about composers help a musical performance



They're Multitalented

Relying on musical talent will only get you so far. Learning how to market yourself, manage social media, and book shows will be what progresses your career.



They Have a Strong Work Ethic

People who are successful are highly dedicated to their work. They are constantly trying to improve, practice, and learn new things.



They Don't Wait Around

Not everyone is lucky enough to get "discovered". Getting your music out there involves more than just uploading it. Successful people create their own opportunities and are always planning their next move..



They're "Big Picture" People

It's easy to make mistakes when you haven't got specific goals in mind. Successful artists make the right career moves because they never lose sight of their purpose.

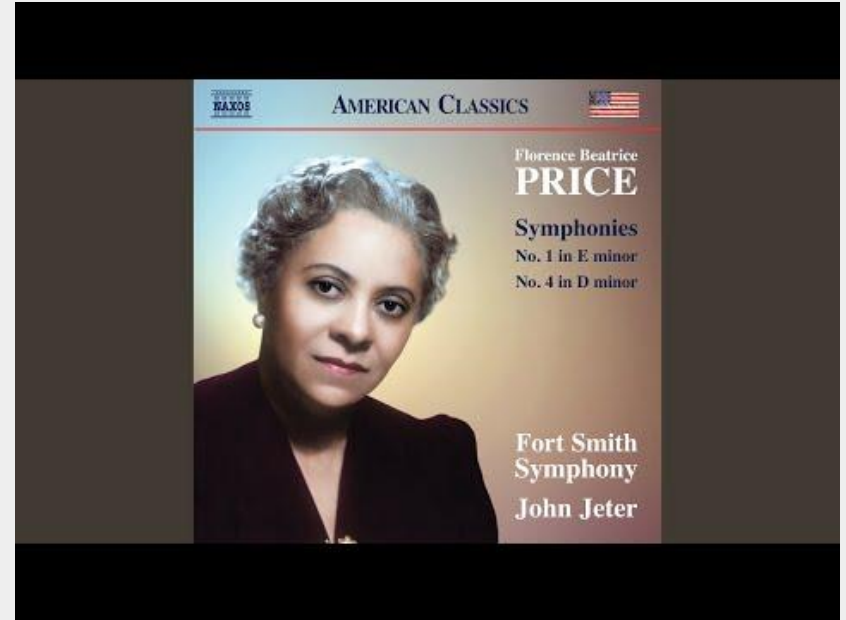


MARCH 24TH

Listen to the following piece, *Symphony No. 1* in E Minor: IV Finale by Florence Price

If you were writing the script for a movie using this music, what might the movie be about?

<https://youtu.be/2bLd-2icN1E>





MARCH 25TH

International Music Fusion with **Balla Kouyate** and **Mike Block**

Balla Kouyate, a balafon player from Mali, and American cellist/singer Mike Block share music from around the world with instrumental innovations.

https://youtu.be/zpe4A_M9QRY





MARCH 26TH

Today we are featuring another Indiana musician: **Joshua Bell**

Bell was born in Bloomington in 1967; he later went to Indiana University for violin performance.

<https://youtu.be/laGT9IB2bFo>





MARCH 27TH

On this day in 1952, the musical film “Singin’ in the Rain” premiered at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Try to follow these rhythmic patterns or improvise your own Line.

<https://youtu.be/DgvAf4gyGTw>





MARCH 28TH

Match these musicians to their instrument:

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| 1. Lizzo | A) Piano |
| 2. Miles Davis | B) Flute |
| 3. Yo-Yo Ma | C) Guitar |
| 4. Antonio Vivaldi | D) Violin |
| 5. Clara Schumann | E) Cello |
| 6. Jimi Hendrix | F) Flute |



MARCH 29TH

Trivia Tuesday: What was the first jazz record that was commercially released?

- A) The Livery Stable Blues by the Original Dixieland Jass Band
- B) King of the Bungaloos by Gene Greene
- C) Cleopatra Had A Jazz Band by Sam Ash
- D) The Ragtime Volunteers Are Off To War by Ballard MacDonald and James F. Hanley

[Click here to reveal answer!](#)



MARCH 29TH

ANSWER TO Trivia Tuesday: What was the first jazz record that was commercially released?

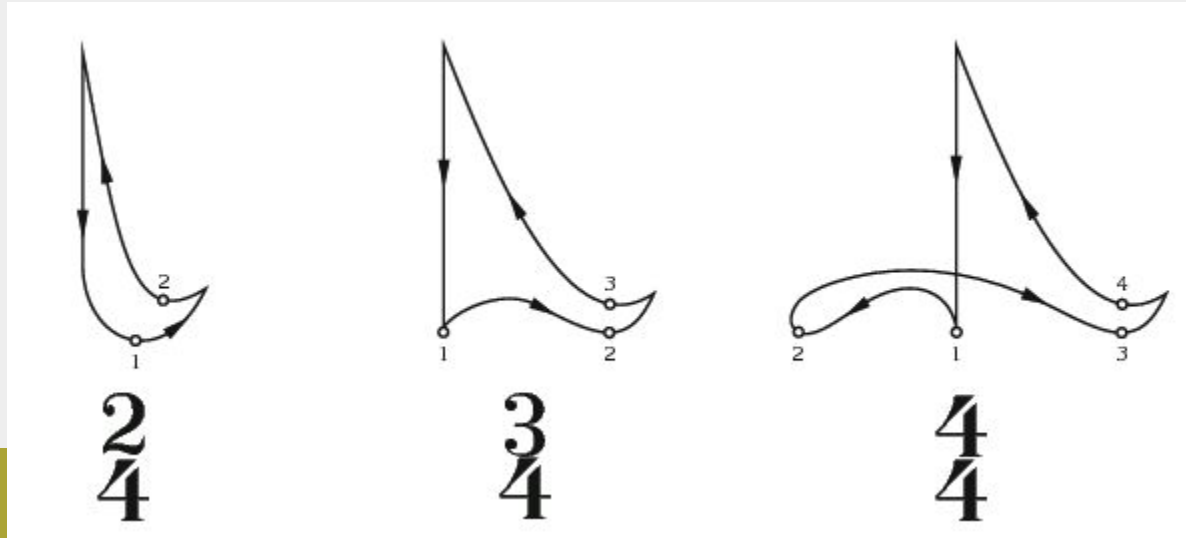
A) The Livery Stable Blues by the Original Dixieland Jass Band

Livery Stable Blues recorded by the Original Dixieland Jass Band on February 26, 1917 and established jazz as popular music



MARCH 30TH

Warm-up Exercise: Practice these conducting patterns. For an extra challenge, try alternating between the time signatures.





MARCH 31ST

Johann Sebastian Bach was born today in 1685. Try sight-reading one of his chorales!

CHORALE IN F MAJOR

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
(1685-1750)

Moderato