



MUSIC ON THURSDAYS

Bedford Music Club

CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2020



A MISCELLANY

1. The Canadian pianist Glenn Gould's 1955 recording of which of Bach's works for harpsichord enjoyed an unusual level of popular success?

- A. The Well-Tempered Clavier
- B. The Goldberg Variations
- C. The Art of Fugue
- D. The Anna Magdalena Notebook



2. In 1923, Stravinsky premiered a ballet in Paris, the score of which consists of vocal parts accompanied by two groups of percussion, one tuned and one untuned? What is its French title?

- A. Les Noces
- B. Le Sacre du Printemps
- C. Apollon musagète
- D. L'Oiseau de Feu

3. 'I have spent my whole life since I first read it trying to solve it.' These words by Leonard Bernstein refer to which opera or musical drama inspired by two lovers in Celtic legend?

- A. West Side Story
- B. The Merry Widow
- C. Abelard and Heloise
- D. Tristan and Isolde

4. Chopin composed more than 50 works for piano in the style of which Polish national dance, characterised by four feet stamping and heels clicking in triple time?

- A. Polka
- B. Oberek
- C. Mazurka
- D. Kujawiak



5. Born in Le Havre of Swiss parentage, which French composer's works include the 1923 piece Pacific 231, regarded as a musical evocation of a steam locomotive?

- A. Arthur Honegger
- B. Maurice Ravel
- C. Francis Poulenc
- D. Frank Martin

MUSIC IN ART

1. Which visual artist featured violin cases, often empty, in his work?

- A. Cézanne
- B. Matisse
- C. Manet
- D. Corot

2. In Paolo Veronese's epic *The Wedding Feast at Cana*, an ensemble of artist-musicians is at the centre. Who is the man in red playing the violone?

- A. Tintoretto
- B. Palladio
- C. Titian
- D. Veronese



3. In terms of portraiture, which of these composers is the odd one out?

- A. Alban Berg
- B. George Gershwin
- C. Cole Porter
- D. Arnold Schoenberg



4. Thomas Gainsborough painted one of the Bach family. Which one?

- A. JS Bach
- B. WF Bach
- C. CPE Bach
- D. JC Bach

5. Who said, after hearing Wagner's Lohengrin: 'I saw all my colours in spirit. Wild, almost crazy lines were sketched in front of me.'

- A. Kandinsky
- B. Gauguin
- C. Van Gogh
- D. Renoir

ANIMALS IN MUSIC

1. Which animal does *not* have a role in Janáček's opera The Cunning Little Vixen?

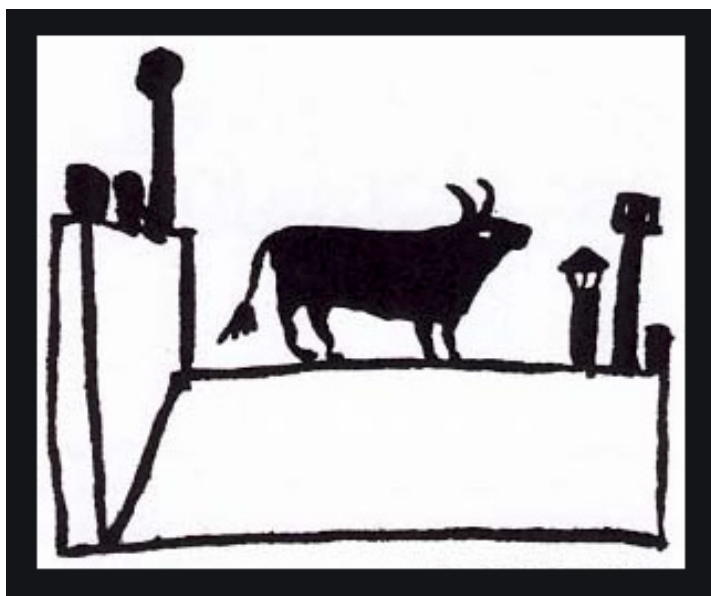
- A. Woodpecker
- B. Mosquito
- C. Cricket
- D. Moth

2. Which animal does *not* appear in Camille Saint-Saëns' Carnival des Animaux?

- A. Tortoise
- B. Sheep
- C. Kangaroo
- D. Donkey

3. What is unusual about the final movement of Malcolm Arnold's Carnival of Animals, Op.72?

- A. It comprises one note
- B. It is palindromic
- C. It is optional
- D. It includes a part for glass harmonica



4. Which composer created the ballet *Le boeuf sur le toit*, based on a play by Jean Cocteau?

- A. Erik Satie
- B. Francis Poulenc
- C. Germaine Tailleferre
- D. Darius Milhaud

5. Wagner's work on Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg was delayed for six months in 1862, the result of a thumb infection caused by a dog bite which left him unable to write. Wagner was bitten by Leo, a ...

- A. Bulldog
- B. Mastiff
- C. French poodle
- D. Doberman Pinscher

THE FEMININE TOUCH

Name these women.

1. Johannes Brahms' muse?



2. She taught Aaron Copland, Elliott Carter and Roy Harris.



3. Featured in a recent BMC concert, who is the Venetian-born woman in the red dress?



4. Which famous soprano of the late Victorian era retired to a castle in Wales where she built this mini opera house?



5. Sir Thomas Beecham visited her in Holloway Prison to find her conducting a suffragette march with a toothbrush.



LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

1. Which of the following composers almost certainly did *not* meet Beethoven?

- A. Hummel
- B. Rossini
- C. Haydn
- D. Mozart

2. ... and who was a pall bearer at his funeral in 1827?

- A. Liszt
- B. Schubert
- C. Paganini
- D. Weber

3. Who was the original dedicatee of the Eroica Symphony, whose name Beethoven later removed from the score?

- A. Duke of Wellington
- B. Friedrich Schiller
- C. Napoleon Bonaparte
- D. Johann von Goethe

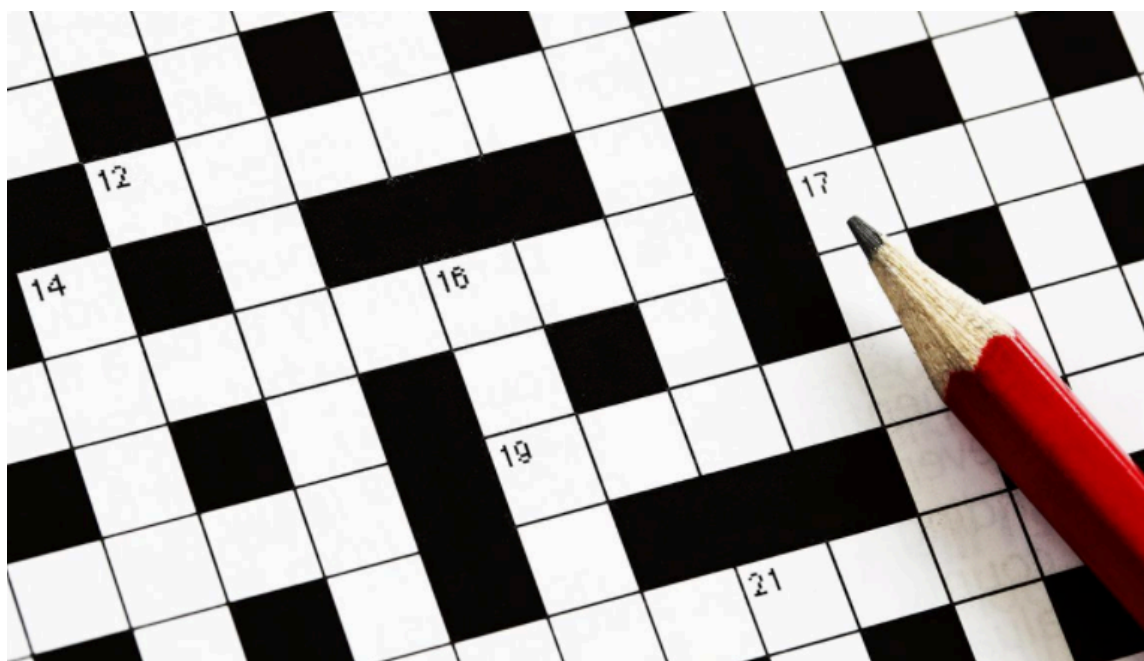
4. Three of Beethoven's Symphonies have nicknames: the Eroica, the Pastoral, and the Choral. Which three?

- A. 3, 5, 9
- B. 3, 6, 9
- C. 3, 7, 9
- D. 3, 4 5

5. Which of the following works did *not* receive its full public performance in Beethoven's famous Viennese benefit concert of 22 December 1808?

- A. Piano Concerto No. 4
- B. Mass in C
- C. Choral Fantasy
- D. Symphony No. 5

CRYPTIC CORNER



1. Choral finale conducted with freedom by Bernstein in 1989? [3,2,3]

2. Composer talked French – it's translated [6,9]

3. Quartet with use for one third of Mozart, possibly [8]

4. Douglas gets involved with English composer [8]

5. German composer's a media personality, we hear (8)

ANOTHER MISCELLANY

1. Which of these is *not* the nickname of a Haydn symphony?

- A. Hornsignal
- B. Lamentatione
- C. Tragic
- D. Mercury

2. Which of Elgar's Enigma Variations was partly inspired by a bulldog?

- A. Variation XI (G.R.S)
- B. Variation I (C.A.E.)
- C. Variation XII (B.G.N.)
- D. Variation IX (Nimrod)

3. Where was cellist Jacqueline du Pré born?

- A. Cheltenham
- B. Oxford
- C. Cambridge
- D. Cirencester

4. What did Benjamin Britten use to simulate raindrops in his opera for amateur musicians, Noye's Fludde?

- A. Pipettes and buckets
- B. Empty baked bean tins
- C. Teacups on a string
- D. A typewriter



5. Who wrote a piece called the 'Skittle Alley' Trio?

- A. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- B. George Gershwin
- C. Leonard Bernstein
- D. Dave Brubeck

MUSIC (MUCH) CLOSER TO HOME

1. Which work by Sir Edward Elgar did legendary record producer Walter Legge commit to disc in the Great Hall at Bedford School in 1944 with Adrian Boult and the BBC Symphony Orchestra?

- A. Symphony No. 1
- B. Symphony No.2
- C. Enigma Variations
- D. In the South

2. Which composer of the early polyphonic period was *probably* born in the county of Bedfordshire?

- A. John Dunstaple
- B. Leonel Power
- C. Christopher Tye
- D. John Hanboys



3. Which famous Russian pianist appeared more than once at Bedford Music Club concerts?

- A. Emil Gilels
- B. Sviatoslav Richter
- C. Lazar Berman
- D. Shura Cherkassky

4. In which year did the Bedford Musical Society (today's Bedford Choral Society) first perform Handel's Messiah?

- A. 1867
- B. 1868
- C. 1869
- D. 1870

5. Which famous violinist *never* appeared at a Bedford Music Club concert?

- A. Yehudi Menuhin
- B. Pinchas Zuckerman
- C. Kyung Wha Chung
- D. David Oistrakh

OUCH!

1. ‘What a good thing this isn’t music’. Of which piece by Berlioz did Rossini say this?

- A. Symphonie fantastique
- B. Grande messe des morts
- C. Benvenuto Cellini
- D. Les Troyens

2. Who felt that ‘Listening to the Fifth Symphony of Ralph Vaughan Williams is like staring at a cow for 45 minutes’.

- A. Aaron Copland
- B. John Cage
- C. Karlheinz Stockhausen
- D. Charles Ives

3. Who quipped ‘I like your opera - I think I will set it to music’?

- A. Richard Strauss
- B. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- C. Ludwig van Beethoven
- D. Benjamin Britten

4. Of whom did Stravinsky observe ‘All you need to write like him is a large bottle of ink’?

- A. Alexander Scriabin
- B. Franz Liszt
- C. Sergei Rachmaninov
- D. Olivier Messiaen

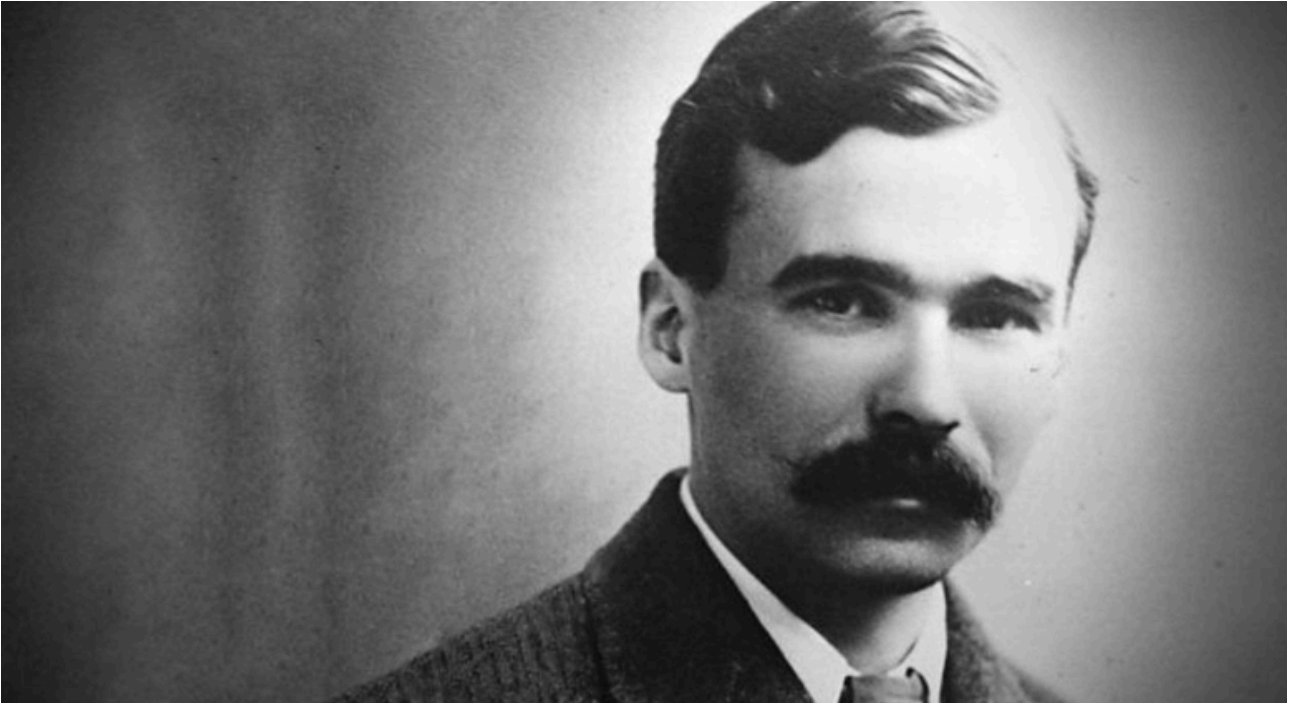
5. Of which work did Louis Schneider observe, ‘The audience expected the ocean. Something big, something colossal. But they were served instead with some agitated water in a saucer’.

- A. Frank Bridge’s The Sea
- B. Britten’s Four Sea Interludes
- C. Bax’s Tintagel
- D. Debussy’s La Mer

STICKY ENDINGS

These composers all came to a sticky end. Names please.

1: Shot by a German sniper on the Somme in 1916.



2: Crushed by a falling bookcase (or an umbrella stand, the jury is still out).



3: Died of septicaemia after cutting himself shaving.



4: Torpedoed by a German U-Boat.



5: Stabbed by an assassin, following a dalliance with one of his students, the mistress of a wealthy Venetian.



CHRISTMAS STOCKING BONUS

Word Search: Can you find 16 composers?

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